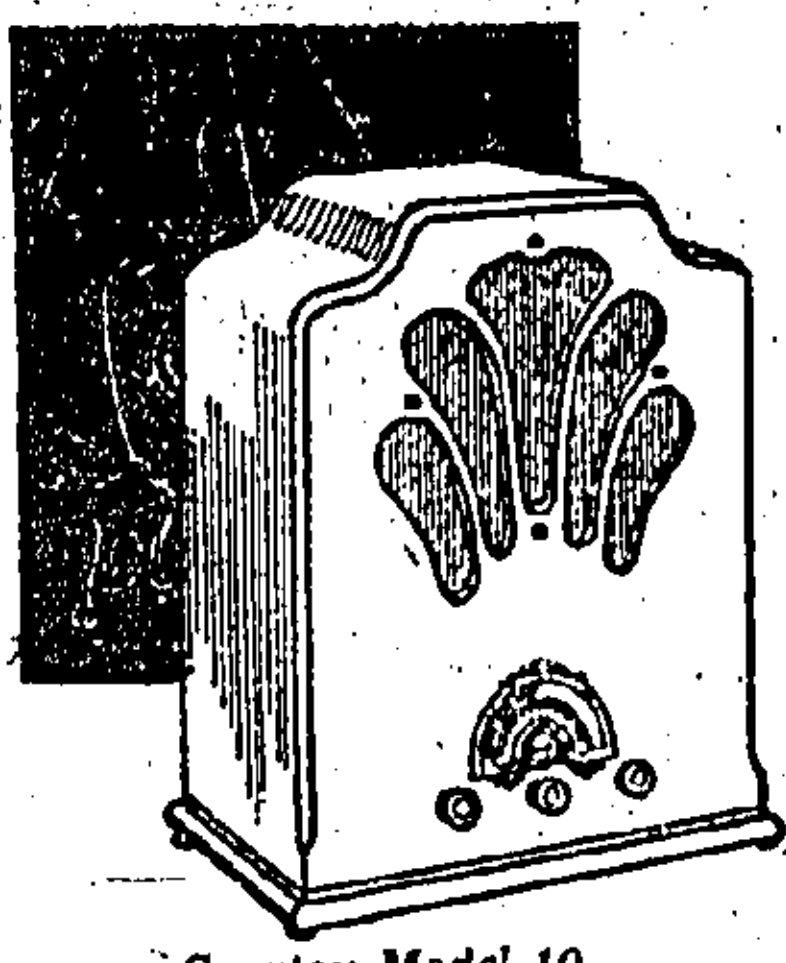




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JAPANESE "DUMP" LOW PRICED COMMODITIES INTO HONG KONG

MOLLISON WILL FLY ATLANTIC

Another Ocean
Crossing.

BOUND FOR RIO.

London, To-day.
Mr. J. A. Mollison is reported to be planning to fly to Rio de Janeiro via Dakar, French West Africa, probably leaving about January 7.
Mr. Mollison recently completed a record-breaking trans-Atlantic flight, westward to New York. He is the only man to have flown a light plane across the North Atlantic.

In the last several years, Mr. Mollison has consistently blazed trails, taken strange ways to Australia and the Cape which others have subsequently followed.

Mrs. Mollison, the former Miss Amy Johnson, has duplicated almost every flight her husband has made, with the exception of the ocean crossing. She has just returned from a record-breaking flight to South Africa. She broke her husband's record for the trip. — Reuter.

MARQUIS LI ON TRIAL IN SHANGHAI

Former Colleague In
Hong Kong?

\$30,000,000, LOAN SCANDAL.

Shanghai, To-day.
Considerable interest is being aroused here by the trial, which opened yesterday at the Shanghai District Court, Nantao, of Marquis W. H. Li, deposed general manager of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company on charges of fraud and malfeasance in office. The charges brought against Marquis Li are in connection with the \$30,000,000 loan arranged for the shipping concern from the China Realty Company, Federal Inc., U.S.A.
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CHINA PRAISES DELEGATES.

Case Well Presented
At Geneva.

Nanking, To-day.
The Third Plenary Session of the Central Executive Council, before separating, wired to Dr. W. W. Yen, Dr. Wellington Koo and Mr. Qiu Tai-chi, praising the excellent manner in which they presented China's case to the League sessions at Geneva.

Mr. Sun Fo is not assuming office as President of the Legislative Yuan until January. — Reuter.

Holland's New Duty Bill

Bound To Injure
British Trade.

The Hague, To-day.
A Bill has been passed by Parliament provisionally increasing by 30 per cent. the duty on all goods not produced in Holland and also increasing the duty on sugar by 15 per cent.

This move is bound to affect the British trade with Holland extensively. It is possible some treaty of mutual advantage may be arranged as a result. — Reuter.



Volunteers assembling at Garswood Hall Colliery, Wigan, to assist in the rescue of their fellow-workers, who were trapped in the pit after an explosion of coal-damp on November 12. Twenty-three lives were lost in the disaster, a full story of which appears on Page 7.

PARLIAMENT RISES FOR CHRISTMAS RECESS.

Speaker Has Powers To
Summon The House.

London, To-day.
After a debate in which, besides India, various aspects of the unemployment problem and the question of the working of a coal quota, were discussed, the House of Commons rose late in the afternoon and will not meet again until February 7. Power has been given the Speaker, however, to call the House together earlier if it is required in the public interest. — British Wireless Service.

Royal Family Gathering

Prepare For Xmas At
Sandringham.

London, To-day.
The King and Queen were accompanied by Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret when they travelled to Sandringham yesterday. The Royal Family will foregather on Christmas Day at the Sandringham seat.
The Children will have a Christmas tree, as in the other thousands of British homes. There will even be turkey and plum-pudding.
The Prince of Wales is expected to arrive on Christmas eve. — British Wireless Service.

BONCOUR'S MAJORITY SECURED

Economical Policy
Announced.

PREPARE FOR SACRIFICE.

Paris, To-day.
M. Paul Boncour and his Cabinet are assured of obtaining about 400 votes in the Chamber of Deputies on the Ministerial Programme read to Parliament yesterday.

A general settlement on war debts will be one of the main problems, and the policy will be along the lines of the Chamber's vote of December 14, otherwise M. Herriot's old policy will be continued in other international negotiations, with the firm intention of preparing a general resolution.

FORTS INSPECTION.

Nanking, To-day.
The Lower Yangtze has been marked out into three sections for the inspection of forts, according to an order issued by the Ministry of War. The Ministry has appointed commissioners to carry out the inspection which will commence on December 26. — Reuter.

RED ARMIES COMPLETELY DISRUPTED

Marshal Chiang Reports
Full Victory.

CAMPAIGNING FINISHED.

London, To-day.
The Chinese Legation issued a lengthy statement this morning making reference to the report which General Chiang Kai-shek has submitted to the Chinese Government detailing the crushing of the Communists as a result of the four-month campaign.

The statement says that the success was due to the effective combination of political and military measures. As a result of the expedition, the notorious Red bandit leaders commanding altogether 130,000 well-organized forces, have been completely defeated, the remnants being pursued and rounded up in the ravaged areas.

The statement also says that many peasants have been rescued and the government is aiding them in resuming their normal life. No further extensive anti-Red campaigns will be required. — Reuter.

TASMANIA START DISASTROUSLY.

Lose 2 Wickets For 13
Against M.C.C.

Hobart, To-day.
Tasmania, after losing their first match to the M.C.C. by an innings and 126 runs at Launceston, commenced their second match against the tourists in a disastrous manner, losing two wickets for only 18 runs before rain caused play to be abandoned for the day. — Reuter.

ROOSEVELT WILL NOT CO-OPERATE

Refuses To Endorse
Study Of Debts.

Washington, To-day.
In order to have a free hand when he takes office, President-elect Roosevelt declined President Hoover's invitation to endorse the plan for the appointment of a Commission to explore problems like war debts. — Reuter.

CEMENT AND COAL PRICES SLASHED

COLONY BUSINESS MEN
EXPRESS CONCERN

"SALE" PRICE BELOW "COST"

DUMPING OF CHEAP JAPANESE CEMENT AND COAL IN HONG KONG HAS GIVEN RISE TO EXPRESSIONS OF INDIGNATION AND CONCERN AMONG LOCAL BUSINESS MEN. A REVIEW OF THE SITUATION SHOWS THAT THE COLONY MARKET HAS BEEN INVADED BY CEMENT WHICH IS DECLARED TO BE SELLING AT LESS THAN PRODUCTION COST, AND COAL, AT A CUT-RATE FIGURE.

Japanese dumping is aided by the fact that the Chinese boycott of goods from Japan is on the wane, Japanese exports into the Colony having shown a considerable increase for last month. The flooding of the local market with cheap goods constitutes a grave threat to local industries, the cement business having been most seriously affected.

On good authority the China Mail learns that Japanese products are literally flooding the Colony and being offered for sale at absurdly reduced prices.

Discussing the situation yesterday, a prominent Hong Kong business man stated that the Hong Kong cement industry was beginning to feel the effect of the immense influx of Japanese cement, which was being sold in the Colony more than 50 per cent cheaper than the Green Island Cement Company product, and the situation was growing more serious daily.

This dumping in the cement industry has been going on, more or less, for two years, the informant said, but in recent months, it had become more intensive. The loss to the Japanese manufacturers must be terrific, but the incoming flow of cement is still on the increase.

A comparison in prices between the local and Japanese cements, reveals a startling difference, and shows that the commodity is sold by Japanese firms in their own country at a higher price than is charged in Hong Kong.

Cement manufactured by the Green Island Cement Company is sold locally at \$3.25 per 250 lbs. The price of Japanese cement in Hong Kong during October ranged from 75 cents to \$1.30 per 250 lbs., but during November the price rose to \$1.20 or \$1.40. The present price is about the same.

After an enquiry on October 16, a local firm quoted a quantity of cement at Yen 1.20, carriage and insurance free, to Hong Kong. In striking contrast to this is the price of the commodity in Japan. Buyers there pay Yen 1.25 for paper bags of 110 lbs. approximately.

Local authorities in the cement industry declare that the production of cement cannot be cheaper than Yen 2.00 per bag of 250 lbs.

Figures of the imports of Japanese cement into the Colony were given by Messrs. Chuwa Trading Company. The number of bags are as follows:

January	57,500
February	59,500
March	54,800
April	66,800
May	40,000
June	74,000
July	67,200
August	55,000
September	66,700
October	68,200
November	112,200
Expected imports for December	200,000

Discrepancy Explained.
The manager of the Chuwa Trading Company, Hong Kong, one of the biggest importers of Japanese cement, when interviewed by the China Mail, denied that Japanese concerns were selling at less than the price of production and he attributed the low cost of production

to the fact that the Japanese Government was subsidizing the industry. He said that the Japanese Government was subsidizing the industry by paying the manufacturers a subsidy of 10 per cent on the cost of production. This subsidy was paid to the manufacturers in the form of a loan, which they were to repay when the industry was able to produce at a normal cost. — Reuter.

JAPAN'S BIG CAPTURE IN TRADE WAR

Takes Cotton Markets
From Britain.

THREE MONTHS' ACTIVITY.

London, To-day.
Recovery of the world's cotton industry, not wholly attributable to the seasonal causes, was recorded in the past three months by the cotton trade Statistical Bureau. World trade in piece-goods rose to its highest level since the beginning of 1930, mainly owing to the expansion of Japanese exports.

Lancashire has regained some of its lost export ground since the abandonment of the gold standard, while Japan by a similar action not only retained her former trade but extended it at the expense of Britain and the Continent. — Reuter.

WORLD TRADE FALLS BY ONE THIRD VALUE

British Empire Loss
Partly Made Up.

U. S. HEAVIEST LOSER.

London, To-day.
A report published by the League of Nations at Geneva yesterday shows a decrease of one-third in the total of world trade in the first half of the year, compared with same period of 1931.

It appears the export trade of the United States has been affected more seriously than the other principal countries.

The United States trade dropped in value by 67.5 per cent.

German by 60 per cent.

British by 57 per cent.

French by 54 per cent.

The British Empire's share of trade fell slightly between 1929 and 1931, but since September 1931, British exports secured a large share of import lists of many countries. — British Wireless Service.

While the ferry launch Man Sang was nearing Hong Kong on a journey from Mongkok, a 2nd class Chinese passenger jumped overboard from the starboard side. In spite of a search that was made in the vicinity, no trace of the body could be found.



Mr. Compton Mackenzie, whose new book, "Greek Memories," is allegedly a contravention of the Official Secrets Act, was charged in the Police Court in consequence. The book was withdrawn at the request of the Government the day after publication.

SITUATION IN INDIA IMPROVES

Much Useful Work
At Conference.

SIR SAMUEL'S REPORT.

London, To-day.
During a debate on the adjournment of the House of Commons for the Christmas recess, the Secretary for India, Sir Samuel Hoare, made a statement on the situation in India and the progress of the Round Table Conference.

He said that so far as he could judge, the situation in India was definitely better. The Ottawa agreements had been passed by the Assembly by 77 votes to 25—very significant evidence of the good will between the Indian Legislature and the Imperial Parliament. As to the emergency orders, he had always hated them and no one wished to see them imposed unless it was absolutely necessary.

Some months ago, the Indian Government came to the view that it would be much more satisfactory to have a more satisfactory situation in India.

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APPOINTMENTS AT NANKING.

Diplomatic And
Political Posts.

Nanking, To-day.
It is virtually certain that Huang Shao-Hsiung, the Home Minister, will succeed Lu Ti-ping as Governor of Chekiang.

Shih Ying, Mayor of Nanking, becomes Home Minister and Shao Yuan-chang, acting President of the Legislative Yuan, becomes Minister of Education.

H. H. Kung, ex-Minister of Industry, who is at present touring America, has been appointed Minister to Italy, while Yu Kuo-tai, who recently drove out Wang Chia-ih, Governor of Kweichow, from the Provincial capital, has been appointed to succeed him. — Reuter.

RIKISHA OWNERS PAY FINES

Indiscriminate
Parking.

Resulting from the recent raid carried out by the Police, 41 summonses for failing to provide proper accommodation for their rikishas, brought against owners, were heard by Mr. Wynne-Jones in the Central Police Court this morning. Five cases were adjourned sine die. Most of the summonses were answered by the coolies, and fines of \$5 were imposed.

Police, represented by Sub-Inspector Saunders, of the Traffic Department, emphasised that owners must provide proper accommodation for their rikishas, to the satisfaction of the I.G.P.

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GRAVE RIOTS OF GLASGOW UNEMPLOYED

Amazing Rebellion In
City Corporation.

10 CONSTABLES INJURED.

London, To-day.

Ten Policemen were injured, five of them so seriously that they had to be taken to hospital, when a procession of unemployed fell foul of the law yesterday afternoon.

An attempt was made to throw one of the officers into the Clyde. Trouble followed remarkable scenes at a meeting of the Glasgow Corporation. Seven Councillors and one man in the public gallery were ejected after a display of passions because a delegation of unemployed had not been received.

The unemployed paraders were caught between foot police, with batons drawn, and mounted police at the other end of the street. Plate glass windows were smashed and many motor car windcreens.

Members of the Council who were suspended refused to leave the Council room. Police were called in and one of the suspended councillors fainted and was carried out unconscious. — Reuter.

EUROPEAN SERIOUSLY INJURED

Mr. T. H. Pearce In
Cycle Crash.

BLINDED BY HEADLIGHTS.

Mr. T. H. Pearce, manager of the St. Francis Hotel, is lying in the Government Civil Hospital in a serious condition as the result of a motor accident early this morning.

Mr. Pearce was driving a B.S.A. motor cycle in Queen's Road East in a westerly direction. When rounding the bend near the Soldiers' Club, his eyes were blinded for a brief spell by the flash of the lights of a car coming in the opposite direction.

Mr. Pearce lost control and fell from the motor cycle.

He broke his leg and sustained injuries to his head and arms. The accident occurred shortly before 8 a.m.

MADRID'S GAMBLING MADNESS

Madrid, To-day.

The whole country is in the throes of a sweepstakes fever and for three hours in the morning it is impossible to move in the Puerta del Sol, Madrid's Piccadilly Circus, owing to the crowd waiting to learn of their fortune in the Christmas lottery.

The sitting of the Huesca Court was suspended for jubilation when it was learned that the court was one of the first winners. All officials, from the presiding judge to the smallest usher, had a share.

A queue around the lottery building started forming 182 days ago. First place in the game was sold for 50 shillings by the labourer who guarded it.

Barcelona won the first prize of \$375,000. — Reuter.

H.M.S. Suffolk of the Fifth Cruiser Squadron, which has been out on exercises, returned to port yesterday evening.



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STAINS ON STOCKINGS.

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CHANGE COIFFURE FOR VARIETY.

Film Star Gives
Some Advice.

I am a firm believer in the fact that every woman ought to change her hair style at least twice a year. It gives more character to one's facial expression—it is good for the hair—it gives one scope for altering one's mode of dress fashion.

Women are apt to get into a rut with their hairdressing—and that is bad. It is like living in the same street all one's life, or mixing with the same little clique of friends.

So try something different. If you wear your hair long, try cutting it off. If you wear it short, try growing it and having curls at the nape of the neck. If you have had a middle parting all your life try a side-parting for a change. Try a fringe, a wind-blown bob, a Grecian cut, or anything new you like.

I know there are lots of people in the film world one can point to with the remark "Their hair style was their fortune." There were the Mary Pickford curls, Colleen Moore's thick fringe, Nancy Carroll's wind-blown red tresses—to say nothing of Harpo Marx's mass of curly ringlets.

But you may not work on the films. So again I say, "After your hairdressing style—buy clothes to match the new idea—and see how it benefits your mental outlook on life."

I've tried, so I know—and I was not always a film actress.

"PEWTER—KEEPING."

To keep pewter in good condition it should not be cleaned in the same manner as silver or it will become dull. It should be rubbed all over with olive oil and polished with a chamols leather after the oil has been left on the pewter for some time. A teaspoonful of potash in a bowl of hot water will be found effective in the case of pewter which has become stained or tarnished. New pewter should remain in good condition if it is washed daily in fairly warm, soapy water, and subjected to a periodical application of olive oil.

Menu Suggestions For To-morrow

BREAKFAST.

Orange Juice, Chilled
French Toast Syrup
Broiled Sausages
Coffee

DINNER.

Swiss Steak Mashed Potatoes
Creamed Cabbage
Bread Butter
Apple Cobbler Cream

SUPPER.

Peanut Butter Sandwiches
Hot Chocolate
Fruit Cookies Pear Sauce

SWISS STEAK

2 pounds round steak
½ cup flour
1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon paprika
8 tablespoons fat
3 tablespoons chopped onions
4 tablespoons catsup
1 cup water

Have steak cut 1½ inch thick. Pound flour into both sides of steak. Heat fat in fryingpan. Add and brown meat and onions. Sprinkle with ingredients. Cover, cook slowly for 1½ hours or until very tender. Turn frequently to allow even cooking. The meat can be baked if desired.

APPLE COBBLER.

3 cups apples
1 cup sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
2 tablespoons flour
½ teaspoon salt
4 tablespoons butter, melted
1 teaspoon vanilla
½ cup water

Mix ingredients and pour into shallow, buttered baking dish. Cover with crust.

CRUST.

2 cups flour
½ teaspoon salt
½ cup fat
3 tablespoons cold water
Mix flour and salt. Cut in fat, add water. When stiff dough forms pat out, fit over apple mixture. Make four holes in top, bake 35 minutes in moderate oven. Serve warm with cream or lemon sauce.

Velvet touches seem a part of most Paris models this Autumn, even in combination with all lace frocks. Appliqued velvet leaves are used in an interesting manner for yokes of dinner dresses.

Backs seem to be plain in the latest frocks, with all attention concentrated upon fullness in the front.

Belts and Sashes

Great interest is displayed in belts this season. Belts of coloured silken elastic vie with those in bullion braid of the ceremonial naval and military calibre, and they look captivating on both day and evening models.

Schiaparelli is using satin in new yellows and a pale green, which she calls "coeur de lys." If you look into the heart of a water-lily you will realise the deep and light yellow, also the pale green. A simulated swathed waist belt is of the new crinkly ribbon in dark green mingled with a faint suggestion of red. This eventually tails off into a long end over the slim skirt line.



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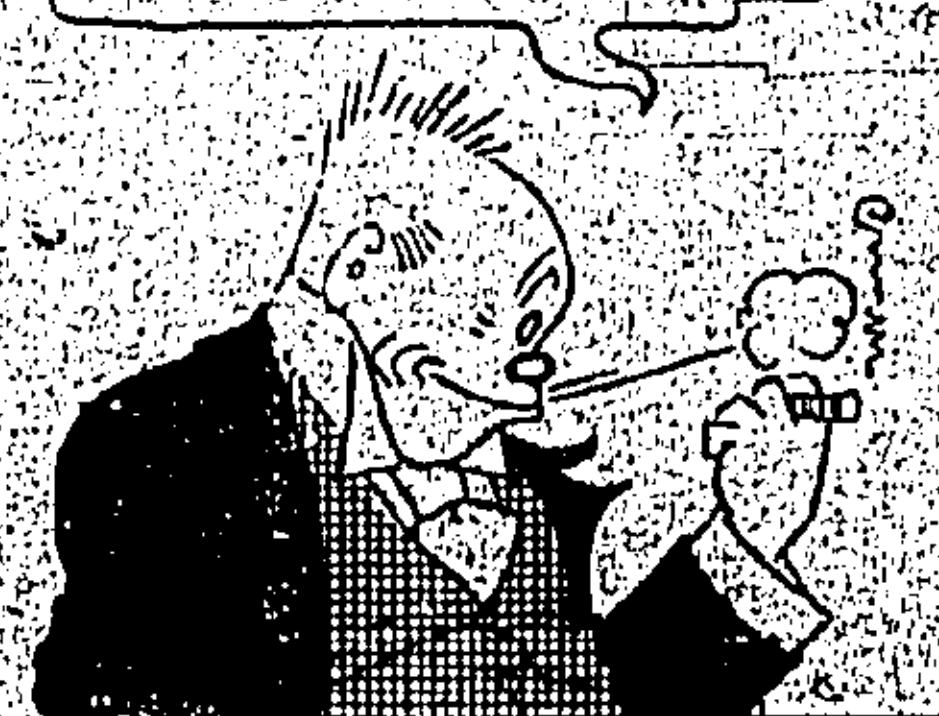
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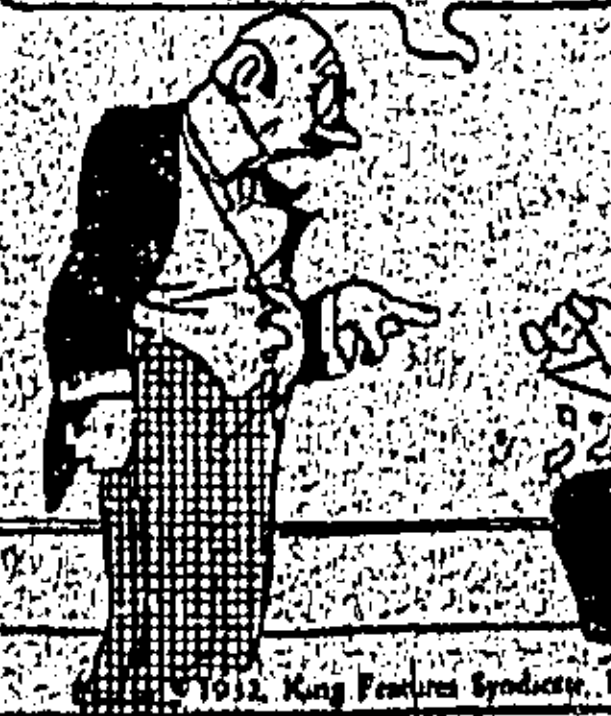
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Bringing Up Father.

WELL, EVEN IF I WUZ'NT ELECTED, I'M JUST CURIOUS ENOUGH TO WANT TO KNOW HOW MANY OF MY EMPLOYEES VOTED FER ME—SO I'M HAVIN' A STRAW VOTE TAKEN.



WELL, ALL THE VOTES ARE IN THERE—I TOLD THEM NOT TO PUT THEIR NAMES ON THE SLIPS—JUST TO VOTE.



GOOD

HUH?

WHY THERE'S ONLY ONE VOTE CASTY FER ME?

WHAT?



I WONDER WHO THAT COULD HAVE BEEN?

WHAT?

WHAT?



TALKIE TALKS

Diane

DIETRICH RETURNS IN
"BLOND VENUS""BRING 'EM BACK ALIVE"
FULL OF THRILLS.

A British Discovery.

For the animal lovers, and they are legion, let me tell you not to feel any qualms about seeing a very enjoyable, thrilling, authentic film. "Bring 'Em Back Alive," is a series of adventures spent in the Malaya jungle between Johore and Perak, by Frank Buck, the man who has spent twenty years catching wild animals for zoos in every part of the world. I went prepared to be revolted with sights of cruelty, but Buck is, I should judge, a great lover of animals. The law of the jungle is the law of life—"The survival of the fittest."

We are shown combat after combat, but for the benefit of people like myself, he wisely allows the animals to saunter off, hardly any the worse. I can hardly believe that the python did not have the better of that fight with tiger—it was a miraculous escape, and, according to the film, after the struggle, they called it a day, and went back to their respective jobs.

I revelled in the scenery, knowing Malaya pretty well. I loved the monkeys, the honey bear, the baby elephant. I admired the pluck of all concerned, but I do think we might have been given a glimpse of Nick and Carl, the intrepid "Bulb-snappers," who expertly assembled and photographed nearly 200,000 feet of film. Oh no, we don't see that much, the finished product is about a mile of celluloid.

Mr. Buck dispenses a nice running comment of talk. Clyde Elliot directed, and sound was introduced, so that we hear the growling, and snarling. The water-buffalo, tigers, black leopard, snub-nosed

monkey, crocodiles, elephants, big monitor lizard, have all been seen in innumerable animal pictures, but this one is different. Despite the aspersions cast by a rival firm, Buck has signed a sworn statement that this film is authentic.

What the average audience wants is entertainment, and this will delight the children, (remember the title). The picture is a box-office smash wherever shown. Recently, the director, Clyde Elliot, who has since quarrelled with Buck and joined a rival studio, gave away many of the secrets of the shooting, with the full intention of working harm to this picture. The ONLY FAKE is the making of a series of adventures into a tellable tale. For centuries animals have fought and lived on each other. Mr. Buck shows that—but not in a cruel manner. Simply by stringing them together we have something worthwhile to watch. Take the children, it is an education, and is a film NOT to be missed. (Central).

WISTFUL STORY.

"Dance Team" is a wistful little story of ambitious youngsters dazzled by the glitter of Broadway, and will further enhance the two stars who gave such perfect performances in "Bad Girl"—Sally Eilers and James Dunn. She is charming and he is the same, as he was in the other play, but one can't help but admire him. How often we have seen the same kind of story. The pretty little girl in the hall-bedroom dreaming about being the toast of Broadway, the conceited young man who wields the pick and shovel, but who is

adept at "putting himself over," and afterwards makes everyone think as he does, that "Mulligan and Kirk are the greatest dance team ever, bar none," (personally I wish they had done more dancing for us). The cast, in minor roles, are up to standard. Harry Beresford, an old vaudeville star himself, is a bit sentimental. Minna Gombell and Ralph Morgan are always the same, but the two stars make the picture more than ordinarily entertaining, and I do not think you will leave the theatre dissatisfied (No. It is not as good as "Bad Girl"). (King's).

One of the best British musicals we have had is "Sunshine Suse," and with Renate Muller, Jack Hulbert and Owen Nares, it is coming to Kowloon. Worth seeing. Then comes a film not to be missed. Richard Dix and Jackie Cooper in "Donovan's Kid." Both give grand performances. Coming to the Star.

In "The Blond Venus," Marlene Dietrich is married to Herbert Marshall, a small salaried workman, with one child, adorable Dickie Moore. To obtain money for a husband who is dying, she joins a cabaret. Then follows a series of absurd adventures before she finally returns to family life. Unlike poor "Madame X," and Madelon Claudet, our heroine profits by her profession, and at the finish her beauty is unimpaired, likewise health and figure. The disappointment is this picture is to be laid at the door of the director, Von Sternberg. I still feel that Marlene is the Trilby to Sternberg's Svengali actions, she does not ring true to me. She is glamorous, she is beautiful, and arresting always, and sings three numbers in a throaty, attractive voice. The author and the continuity writer are at fault. We see the heroine literally down and out in a Texas dive, clap her hat on her head, and murmur something about "Getting what she wants," then with no details forthcoming, we find her the "Toast of Paris." Reels are devoted to scenes of departing ships, railway stations and police reports. Advertisement states that Marlene loves two men, one madly and one devotedly. I have seen the picture, but she did not convey that to me. Herbert Marshall is



Buster Keaton.

badly miscast as the radium-poisoned American workman, but he does his best. From my point of view I wondered why any girl would leave Cary Grant, when he was so devoted a lover, and so lavish to mother and child. Don't miss this much-talked-of film. Marlene is at least worth seeing, also Dickie Moore and the perfect photography. (King's).

A BRITISH STAR.

After seeing the preview of the British picture produced by Basil Dean through Radio, I came away with the impression that in Sapper's story, "Three of a Kind," renamed "Love on the Spot," we have another Jack Buchanan in Richard Dolman. There is room for criticism of course. It is too short for one thing, and the director, Graham Cutts, uses too much of the old musical-comedy technique. Dolman is not too good looking, but has a charming voice and nimble feet, with the breezy natural personality of Buchanan. He was in the Great War as a Naval Air Pilot, had a bad crash and lay for three years in hospital. Studied law, but preferred the stage, and first of all understudied Fred Astaire in "Stop Flirting." Has many musical comedy successes, but this is his first picture. Now he seems destined for big things, as Gracie Fields has cast him as her leading man in "Looking on the Bright Side." The new girl Rosemary Ames is an Anglo-America who was with Bernard Nodell in his stage shows. This, also, is her first screen attempt, but she has great possibilities, and I like her. Songs are catchy, especially "I'm Falling For You," and "Nobody's Business," wherein the chorus of pretty swimmers help considerably. It is beautifully produced and the supporting cast quite fair, although Aubrey Mather a better clergyman in "Aren't We

All" than he does a gentleman crook. Helen Ferrers as Lady Wichester was amusing, likewise the English edition of the "Small Pieces" who open the doors at the Hong Kong Hotel. When I saw "The Call of the Sea," I was in despair about British films, but this one makes me more optimistic. Don't miss it. (Queen's).

In "Chances" we have one of my favourite actors, Douglas Fairbanks Junr, as a full fledged star. Pity the story gives him no scope, and I am honestly tired of seeing No Man's Land. Anthony Bushell acts equally well as Doug, and Rose Hobart in a thankless role, gives an intelligent performance. Others in the cast have little to do. Far more enjoyable are the "Shorts". I am no golf fiend, but the sketch in which the famous golfers, Walter Hagen and Leo Diegel appear, helped in the comedy by clever Marjorie Beebe and Andy Clyde, will prove most instructive as well as amusing. Also the other, "Knights of the Road". These are worth the visit to the Queen's. You must see the transformation which has been made in the decorative scheme. Soft cool shades, glittering domes, hidden lights in glass pillars and stained glass windows. Studio D'Art have given us one of the show theatres of the city now it will rank with the most artistic in the Orient.

On Sunday we have John Gilbert in the story he wrote, "Downstairs". It shows us life in the servant's quarters of a castle in Vienna. John plays a character that is devoid of sympathy, women and blackmail being his line of work. He meets his just deserts when he attempts to add the young wife of the butler to his conquests. His present wife (No-four) Virginia Bruce, adds nothing to the picture, except good looks. Paul Lukas is the butler. The press-agents have been telling us ever since J. G. failed to make good in the Talkies, that each picture is his beat. I have not seen this one yet, but here's hoping I will like him one day. "Love on the Spot" follows, then Jimmy Durante and Buster Keaton in "Speak Easily."

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"Impatient Maiden," with Lew Ayres looking sulky as the Internist, Mae Clark with hardly the chance she had in "Waterloo Bridge". Big moment seems to be when young Doctor performs a minutely pictured operation on the girl he loves. Una Merkel and Andy Devine are given plenty of footage. I thought the two stars rather wasted in a trite story. (Central)

I'M TELLING YOU

Lillian Roth, who will always be remembered for her part in "The Love Parade," is again in pictures with Barbara Stanwyck. James Cagney has settled all differences with W.B.'s and is at work under Mervyn le Roy with Mary Brian.

Chester Morris and Joan Blondell are acting together, while Lionel Atwill, the English actor, is again in films with Glenda Farrell and Fay Wray. Gilbert Emery, back from Broadway, just finished important part in "Farewell to Arms." The newest picture in which Clark Gable and Jean Harlow co-star should be called "Gold Dust" instead of "Red Dust", the way it is bringing in the shekels at the B.O.

Wallace Ford has been let out by M.G.M. and will return to the stage "Strange Interlude" and "Smilin' Through," both Norma Shearer's films, have broken All records on Broadway—WHO says she is NOT the greatest and most

versatile actress on the screen today? . . . Clark Gable will slip if he given (he has NO say in the matter) such parts as he had in "Laughing Sinners," "Polly of the Circus" and "Strange Interlude", but give him a he-man part where "He takes what he wants"—and you can recognize WHY he is the present Rave. He will again be with Shearer in "The Prize-fighter and the Lady."

CHALLENGES GABLE

Marian Marsh, the little girl from the West Indies, has evidently not signed to a British studio, as she is with Joel McCrea and Bill Gargan in their latest. Clarence Brown will direct Joan Crawford in Novello's "Party". . . . George Raft is heading to share the throne with Gable, after his performance in "Night After Night". . . . Bebe Daniels is co-starred with Warner Baxter in "42nd Street". George Brent, (Chatterton's husband) and Mrs. Al Jolson, (Ruby Keeler) are in the large cast. Bebe still remains one of my biggest favourites. . . . Zasu Pitts lying seriously ill.

What a great artist and woman. Ex-husband will shortly marry Madge Evans. . . . I see that Irving Pichel and Charles Ruggles are in the cast with Sylvia Sydney and Cary Grant in "Butterfly". . . . Besides Anne Harding and Leslie Howard, Neil Hamilton and Myrna Loy are in the cast of "Animal Kingdom" and Bill Gargan and Ilka Chase will play the parts they had in the stage version. . . . Tallulah Bankhead will most likely sign with M.G.M. . . . Jean Harlow refuses to play the part of a gangster's moll who squeals, and will do John Gilbert's old play—"Twelve-Miles-Out".

No Hollywood function is planned without first consideration being given the News and Fan Magazine photographers. THEY arrange how the guests should be seated, that the best names are prominent, and that they be placed so that their best sides are showing—also they are in league with the columnist writers and must know who is speaking to WHOM. . . . believe it or not. . . . John Mon Saunders, who wrote "Dawn Patrol," is doing an original story for George Raft and Jack Oakie, who will be co-starred. Raft first came into prominence when acting in "Dancers in the Dark" with Oakie as the star.

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Prior to the distribution, the pupils gave pretty Scandinavian and Country Dances, a Nativity Play and two concerted numbers entitled "The Soldier's Chorus" and "Spanish Dance."

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The China Mail

Hong Kong, Friday, Dec. 23, 1932.

"The Terror That Flieth."

As Mr. Baldwin plainly told the House of Commons the future of civilisation hangs upon the solution of the air question. His warning created a remarkable impression, and much comment has already followed upon it. Will that impression last? To hope so is at times easier than to believe. Very shortly after Mr. Baldwin's speech, we learned of remarkable experiments being carried out in northern France, where special machines poured forth a protective fog while the whole of the local population took refuge in bomb-proof shelters. Such is the answer which ultra-realism supplies, almost as if by deliberate intention, to the sober appeal of idealism. It can scarcely be called an encouraging sign. Must civilisation be content, then, to exist on such ignominious terms hiding its head from its own diabolical inventions? Further, if so, is it worth preserving? The "Saturday Review," a realist itself in the fearless facing of facts, recently asked whether the statesmen of Europe were seriously aware, as they should be, that within a few minutes of a new declaration of war, those who had voted for it (and those who had voted against it) might, and probably would, be blotted out of existence together with the halls in which they had voted. If they truly realised that, one thinks at first, they would surely seek peace and disarmament with greater zeal. Yet, on the other hand, comes proof that in France at least, the meaning of this menace is accepted as a reason only for desperate counter-measures. Even if we consent to such stark logic, it should not blind us to the fact that counter-measures would probably ere long prove futile, or to the necessity of discovering better alternatives. Actually, no special warning should at this time of day be needed. The facts themselves should long ago have stirred the world to take cognisance of a deadly danger—the existence of a new weapon which practically admits of "no defence." The slightest intelligent forethought should have seen this from the first. Yet the handful of English people who stood on the cliffs of the Channel and cheered when a Frenchman made the first aerial crossing, seemed totally unconscious of the fact that they were witnessing the end of Britain's immunity as an island and the beginning of an intolerable kind of warfare. There are historians who think that these things have gone—as they still may go—in cycles. Miss Cicely Hamilton, in her striking novel, "Theodore Savage," draws from their theories the comment that the story of Daedalus and Icarus, and the legends of fire-breathing dragons, were warnings built on the dim memories of former civilisations destroyed by aviation and poison gas. Whether that be fanciful or not, she proceeds to depict the reality of another civilisation destroyed in our own day, with the few survivors banding themselves together, cursing machines and forbidding their construction. Something like a hundred and fifty years ago, William Cowper, on appearances the least likely of men to trouble his head over such matters, and with no portents to alarm him like those which exist nowadays, arrived at the conclusion, solely by reflection, that if he were an absolute despot he would make it punishable by death to invent a flying machine, because its possession would give the inventor far too much power over the rest of mankind. Was not that self-evident at any time, and is it not a living issue to-day? If the evil passions of men cannot be restrained, the tale unfolded in "Theodore Savage" may be literally fulfilled. No word should be left unsaid, by speaker or publicist, to drive this lesson home. If nobler sentiments cannot be appealed to, then fear at least should be invoked—fear of a white man's world laid bare by mutual hatred. Man has incurred on himself a curse—so Edward Parry, Military Hospital, Lincoln Road, and Miss Nellie Road, Kowloon.

The forthcoming weddings are announced between Mr. William Kay, schoolmaster, of the Education Department, residing at 16, Conduit Road, and Miss Grace Kathleen Williams, 2b, Kennedy Road; and between Mr. William Edward Parry, Military Hospital, Lincoln Road, and Miss Nellie Road, Kowloon.

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HERE, THERE and EVERYWHERE.

Yo Yo In Church.
Spain, like many other countries, is "yo yo" mad, and it is doubtful whether London or Paris have got the craze worse than Madrid.
In a church situated in the fashionable Salamanca district of Madrid, the parish priest has been faced with a problem which was, to say the least, out of the ordinary. During the celebration of a Mass of Nuptial Benediction, the officiating priest noticed that not only were the invited people taking no interest in the service, but even the bride and bridegroom were paying little attention. They were in fact laughing.
The cause of the trouble was a small acolyte who was varying the monotony of the Latin service with an exhibition of Yo Yo.

Your Daily Smile.

What-ho, Ski Bumps!
Winter sports casualties.

Rigour of the Law.
Wireless sets are now being supplied to many prisons. I'm all in favour of this stiffening up in the penalties of crime.

OVERHEARD
"Gentleman with a moustache to see you."
"No, thanks, tell him I have a moustache."

Difference Between Us.
Certain natives in Africa, I read, dye their faces a pale grey. Over here we just leave it to the income-tax demand notes.

BITTER SUITE?
A new musical work by a German composer was written in a beer garden.

DEFINITION
Peasimist—a man who of two evils chooses both.

Facts You Did Not Know.

More than 60 per cent. of the leather exported by the United States in the first six months this year went to Europe.

A match that can be lighted 600 times before its secret composition is exhausted has been invented by a Vienna chemist.

Made of rubber treated yarn, a new textile for clothing returns to its original shape after stretching, reducing wear to a minimum.

A diminutive motor driven circular saw that can be held with a pistol has been invented by a Californian for cutting wall-board and other light work.

News in Brief.

Owing to indisposition, which kept him in bed for some days, His Excellency the Governor was unable to accompany Sir Samuel Wilson on the whole of his recent tour in the Colony. Happily, Sir William is now able to attend his office, although still feeling the effects of his illness.

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WHERE WAR BREEDS DANZIG'S RUIN CAN CAUSE CLASH

MENACE IN THE POLISH "CORRIDOR"

The Polish Corridor, a strip of former German territory, was awarded to Poland under the Treaty of Versailles in order to give her an outlet to the Baltic Sea. It cuts off a vast German population from their country.

It is important that the situation should be fully understood in this country, in view of Britain's commitments under the Locarno agreement which may drag us into war, warns Mr. Anthony Crossley, M.P.

I have just returned from Danzig, that German city at the mouth of the Vistula, which is rapidly being brought to economic ruin.

I was taken through its beautiful, historic streets, full of gar-goyles, of figure-heads, and of relics of the Teutonic knights, of the Hansa merchants, of Napoleon's occupation, of a thousand past glories.

I went all over its harbour in a boat. Everywhere there was room for expansion and construction to accommodate the traffic from the vast agricultural hinterland of Poland and from the coalfields of Silesia.

But the harbour is idle; Danzig itself is dead or at least dying and defenceless. It is being killed by the preposterous anomaly of the Polish corridor and by the new port which at enormous expense the Poles are constructing at Gdynia.

"Gangway of Mars."
What is the Polish Corridor? Shortly before his death, Marshal Foch, pointing on the map to its spearpoint narrowing to the sea, declared to a visitor: "There lie the roots of another war."

In 1926 Lord D'Abernon called it "The Powder Magazine of Europe." More recently it has been luridly described by an American journalist as "The Gangway of Mars." By point thirteen of President Wilson's famous *impossibilities*, Poland was to be reconstituted as a buffer state between Russia and Germany and was to be granted free access to the sea. A Germany, helpless in defeat, offered to Poland the same free harbour rights in Danzig and Stettin as the Czechs enjoy to-day without friction in Hamburg. She was prepared to internationalise the Vistula. But the delegates at Versailles insisted on interpreting President Wilson's words in their literal sense, and so to the huge areas in Poland with foreign populations, to the White Russian East, to the Ukrainian South-East, to Silesia and Posen with their Germanic in the West, was added a Corridor of Polish land thrust through Germany to the sea and to the West of Danzig.

Made A Free City.
Danzig, however, was not included in the Corridor, but was made nominally a "Free City," including a small hinterland. She has her own Parliament, but her foreign relations are controlled by Poland. Worse still, she is included in the Polish Customs Union, and as Polish tariffs are mainly prohibitive, her share of the Polish customs revenue (about 8 per cent.) has, during the last two years, been very small indeed. Her harbour, too, is administered by a board of five Danzigers and five Poles restrained from devouring each other by a Swiss Colonel—an excellent man doubtless chosen for this office because of the ripe experience both of his countrymen and of his profession in all matters pertaining to the sea.

His expert knowledge is in any case superfluous. The trade of Danzig is being diverted as rapidly as possible by the ambitious Poles to Gdynia, seven miles away. I went to Gdynia. A few years ago it was a tiny fishing village. To-day it is a town of 50,000 inhabitants. Its harbour, literally dug out of the land, was a hive of activity, with shrieking cranes loading ships with Silesian coal. Since the British coal strike of 1926 Poland has captured the Scandinavian markets, and now, with a special coal railway running direct from Silesia and bulk by French money on which no interest has been paid, the Polish coal trade, with extremely low wages and subsidised shipping, constitutes a real peril to our own coal exports all over Europe.

People Despair.
So Danzig, like the Emperor Charles, preparing his own obsequies, must patiently watch her own economic ruin. Despair is

written on the faces of her population. Bitterness is in their mouths.

The building of Gdynia and the economic ruin of Danzig were certainly a branch of the instructions of the Treaty of Versailles.

To-day they are accomplished facts—grim symbols together with the Corridor itself of a Treaty which, unless revised, contains the germs of another war.

In order to see the frontier of the Corridor, I stayed at Marienwerder, an old fortress town of the Teutonic knights, that semi-religious, semi-military society which in the Middle Ages civilised, educated, and protected the people and drained the land and built the dykes.

The frontier, instead of running down the centre of the Vistula, mainly follows the dyke to the east and in one place, in order to provide a bridgehead for the Poles, takes in five German villages. Everywhere military considerations have prevailed, and the whole frontier follows a grotesque route, cutting off districts, from their market towns, towns from their railway stations, and villages from their schools.

Trivial Politics.
Visas and passports are demanded everywhere. A Polish visa allowing a German to cross the Corridor from one part of Germany to the other as often as he wishes costs up to 800 zlotys (about £25) a year. Frontier incidents, most of them trivial but leading to intense bitterness, have been numerous.

Recently a peasant was arrested for leaving his papers in his coat pocket on a bank, while in the heat of the day he loaded a cart. Papers must be on your person! This took place where the frontier cuts a German farmer's land in halves.

I returned to England by rail, crossing the Corridor from Chiev, a railway centre, which being in Polish hands, necessitates a visa for travelling from one part of the Danzig Free State to another. A Polish soldier stood in the passage outside my compartment. No windows were allowed to be opened, this not for reasons of "fug" but being an indignity exacted by Poland in a Treaty!

I came away profoundly alarmed by all that I had seen. A new race is growing up in Germany which never knew the horrors of the last war. But of the unequal provisions of the Peace Treaty these young Germans are acutely sensitive, and they look on the present settlement, the isolation of Danzig and the cutting off of East Prussia from the Fatherland, not only as a gratuitous political insult, but as an intolerable economic injustice.

HEADMASTER PLAYS HOST TO BOYS.

Enjoyable Annual Xmas Party.

The junior pupils of the Central British School were entertained by Mr. G. Franklin Nightingale, Headmaster, and Mrs. Nightingale yesterday afternoon, when the annual fancy dress dance was held in the gaily bedecked school hall.

During the evening the two plays "Thread O' Scarlet" by J. J. Bell, and "The Perfect Holiday" by L. M. Alcott, were repeated in the St. Andrew's Church Hall, with marked success. The party returned to the school hall where dancing and games were brought to a happy conclusion with the Sir Roger De Coverley.

Prizes were won by Joan Rapley (Buy British Goods) and L. Norris (Pirate). The Headmaster thanked all those who had helped in making the arrangements, and especially Miss Graham, Miss Moore, Messrs. T. R. Rowell, D. Morgan Richards, H. H. Beddow, W. Mulcahy and Jack Sutor.

Cheers were called and heartily accorded after which the party dispersed.

A black dog, owned by an employee of the Ching Kee Gardens, Kimberley Road, was removed to Ma Tau Kok for observation yesterday, after it had bitten Lilian Knutson, aged 4 years, of 3 Canton Villas.

COLLIERY DISASTER

MANY KILLED IN WIGAN BLAST

HEROISM OF RESCUE PARTY UNDERGROUND

London (By Mail) Sixteen miners were killed and nine others, entombed in gas-filled galleries were believed to be dead, in an explosion, followed by a fall of earth, which occurred in the dark of the early morning at the Edgemoor Colliery, Bryn, Ashton-in-Makerfield, near Wigan.

Frantic tapings from the entombed men guided the rescue parties till noon when the last faint sounds died away. One man who had been given up as dead made a dramatic appearance at the pit head, having escaped by a hair's breadth the perils of gas and falling rock.

Fine heroism was shown by the rescue parties which were almost instantly on the scene of the disaster.

The pit manager nearly lost his life in dragging a young miner from a thick cloud of poison gas. The M.P. for the division and local miners' leaders spent hours underground. A local doctor dashed to the scene and descended the pit in his bedroom slippers. The managing director of the company rose from a sick bed and did his bit at the pit-head.

Parties of miners who volunteered for rescue work crawled on their hands and knees through falling debris and gas fumes to bring out the dead and injured.

Pitiable scenes were witnessed at the pit head, where the relatives and dependants of the victims, to the number of nearly 100, gathered at the first intimation of the disaster.

Desperate Work Rescue parties worked desperately all day to-day to reach the gas-filled chambers of No. 9 pit, Edgemoor Colliery, from which, up to noon, faint tapings could still be heard from victims of the disaster which has snatched away 25 lives.

Then the tapings ceased, and the relatives of the entombed men must recognize themselves, it is feared, to the worst.

Officials and men, taking incredible risks in the poisonous fumes, brought to the surface one after another the bodies of sixteen victims.

About 100 men were in the pit engaged on the night shift, which was due to end at six o'clock. At two o'clock there was an explosion, followed by a rush of gas.

The countryside rocked. Three men were killed at the pit face, where later they were found still clasping their picks. There were about 70 men near the shaft bottom. They escaped.

A shrill whistle that pierced the darkness of the night, dying away on a low wall, was the sound that warned the Wigan coal belt of the disaster.

Lights twinkled in bedrooms, casting eerie gleams in desolate roads as windows shot up and heads peered out. Among the hundreds who were awakened there was a dread foreboding in those homes where the bread-winners had gone out on the night shift.

"That sound means death to some one," said an elderly woman whose grey-haired husband had left her a few hours before.

Then these ill-lit roads began to fill with fleeing figures partly dressed and with shawls clutched round their heads. The streets echoed to running clogs. Officials were mobilized at the pithead.

An S. O. S. was sent to the nearby pits, and within a few minutes the work of rescue was begun.

DASH IN THE DARK In the darkness and drizzling rain rescue teams equipped with lamps and other apparatus were rushed to the pit.

The story of what they found was given me by Mr. John W. Devanny, one of the men injured in the blast of the explosion.

"I heard a rumble," he said. "The fireman went to the top of the district and telephoned to us to leave at once."

"We followed him to the coal face, and there we found three dead men. We went on another road to get at them, and we had carried them only ten yards when the deadly fumes began to do their work. There were eighteen of us."

"One of the carriers collapsed and then another. We staggered along, dropping one by one. Finally I was crawling alone in a daze when the rescue party arrived. Then I knew no more."

WAITING WIVES Wives and mothers of the entombed men waited, quivering with suspense to hear the names of the victims.

Some of them were fresh from grief reopened at the Armistice Day Service, when they had laid wreaths of poppies on the local memorial.

One of the first to be brought up was Joseph Lowe, a grey-haired man of sixty-two years. He was found as if clasping a comrade in the act of rescue. He had been overcome with fire-damp.

Scores of children have been made orphans by this disaster. A majority of the victims were married men with large families.

SHOPS RUSHED BY CHRISTMAS BUYING CROWD

Business Optimistic Over Prospects.

PREPARATION FOR CLIMAX.

"A good Christmas" was the general anticipation in the leading stores of the Colony yesterday afternoon. Managers were optimistic and stated that business, on the whole, was brisk.

"Business is not at a standstill by any means" declared the manager of the leading Chinese departmental store in Hong Kong. "Although figures are not better materially we have spent much in the interest of the customers who are thronging the departments."

A China Mail representative who toured the principal shopping areas found that business, while not extraordinary, was brisk and nearly all the managements expressed satisfaction with the results.

Rumours that the "depression" had reduced the residents' purchasing power were found to be without foundation. Some store executives stated that this year's Christmas shopping had been normal, while others estimated the decrease 5 or 10 per cent. below last year's figures.

Purchases are reaching a high mark at the Colony's leading European departmental store, where this year's innovation, the Lucky Dip, is proving an outstanding success. For days kiddies have tried their luck at the well, and it is expected that by this afternoon all the gifts will have disappeared. Toyland, too, has its many attractions.

Sports wear has enjoyed big sales, and generally, the departments are having success.

All salesmen and saleswomen are prepared for the inevitable last minute rush, and this will be evidenced on Christmas Eve, to-morrow.

Signs of coming Xmas festivities are particularly noticeable in Wyndham Street. Vendors are busily engaged in trimming Xmas trees, cut from the hillsides on the mainland. Local holly, called ixora chinensis, is also plentiful, while the appearance of mistletoe gives the final touch to the festive season. There has been a rush to purchase these supplies.

XMAS BOXES MAY BE ABOLISHED.

Big Stores Making Decision To-day.

There is a great probability that the leading Chinese stores in the Colony will not be presenting their regular customers with the usual time-honoured Christmas boxes. The decision regarding the question is expected to-day in so far as the main stores are concerned, and it is anticipated that a general agreement to stop the distribution of presents will be arrived at.

The manager of a leading Chinese store explained to the China Mail that the system of giving Christmas boxes to customers had many drawbacks, apart from the financial consideration, which in a big department store amounted to thousands of dollars.

"Such a system tends only to make some of the customers discontented, and cases are known where a store has lost a customer through the presenting of a Christmas box," he said. "Mrs. So-and-so comes to the store and complains that her neighbour has received such-and-such a commodity, why is it that she, who spends just as much per month, is given this-and-that worth half the value?"

"Another factor which may hasten the death of these 'Christmas boxes' is that more money is being spent in the stores for the benefit of the customer. We provide numerous attractions for them and their children throughout the year, and this, judging from the correspondence we receive from satisfied customers, is greatly appreciated."

Then again, the delivery of the Christmas boxes has to be made during the two or three days preceding the holiday, and this interferes greatly with the normal delivery service.

To-Day's Short Story.

TWO OF THOSE WOMEN

By Stacy Aumonier.

WHEN travelling on the Continent one must always be impressed, I think, by curious types of Englishwomen whom one never sees in their own country. Very often they are middle aged or quite elderly, and they go about singly, or in pairs, or sometimes in a party of three or four. There is something terribly pathetic in their demeanour, particularly when one recognises the fact that they are not tourists, but hotel habitués. For there is a great difference. The tourist is there temporarily for pleasure or sight-seeing, but the hotel habitués is a permanent, tragic, and often inexplicable figure. All over the South of France and Italy there are thousands of these women staying at pensions and small hotels, drifting from place to place, rudderless, unwanted, and patently unhappy. They have the atmosphere of exiles, as of people who have committed some crime in their own country and dare not return. And in many cases the crime that they have committed is, I suspect, the unpardonable crime of poverty. Although they may assume a perfunctory interest in the life and activities of the place of their sojourn. I have noticed that their chief concern is invariably the mail from England.

The story that I am going to tell is about two such women, and if I appear as a rather unscrupulous eavesdropper you must please understand that I was a very unwilling one.

The accommodation in the little Hotel Beausejour at Antibes is very limited. I was trying to write something at the only writing-table in the lounge when two of these women came along and seated themselves opposite me.

I don't know what your powers of concentration are, but personally whenever I hear people talking I am bound to listen to what they say, however banal and trivial it may be. On this occasion I did try to concentrate for a time, but their conversation soon usurped my entire attention.

One woman was about sixty, the other could hardly have been thirty, and they were obviously strangers to each other. But they had one thing in common: it might be called a kind of soul-weariness. Both were tired, tired and bored, existing only in reminiscences. And it became very apparent that neither wanted to listen to the other. The old lady wanted to talk about her son. The younger one wanted to talk about some other man, and having missed the opening sentences, I could not gather at first whether it was her brother, her lover, husband.

"I shall never forget the pranks he used to play at Bolsover House School," the elder woman was saying. "There was a Euclid and gymnastic master there none of the boys liked... what was his name? I have forgotten. And there was a Miss Beauswyck, the

matron, a very prim and severe person, who always wore black kid gloves. One day she annoyed Georgie very much. I have forgotten why. And Mr. Raynes—yes, that was his name, funny how it comes to you when you're telling a story, and not trying to remember—well, he had punished Georgie for not doing his home work. When Mr. Raynes went to bed that night he found Miss Beauswyck's black kid gloves, filled with cold porridge, in his bed. And Miss Beauswyck found Mr. Raynes's boxing gloves, filled with cold porridge in her bed. Oh, dear! there was a to-do!"

"Really! how amusing!" said the younger woman, without enthusiasm. "Well, it happened in the very early spring—"

"Of course, where Georgie was so splendid was, he confessed. He confessed simply because the master suspected one of the other boys, and, although nothing could be proved, he couldn't bear the idea of the other boy living under this eternal stigma."

"Quite right," said the younger woman. "There are so few people with any sense of altruism. Now, when I first met Peter I was coming off duty at the base hospital at Amiens. We had had a terrible thirty-six hours. I was feeling awful—done up and finished. I must have looked awful. It was just after dawn. In the courtyard I suddenly felt my knees sagging. I was talking to an orderly when I heard a voice say, 'Can't you see she's going to faint?' Before I did faint I just had time to glimpse a pair of deep blue eyes and the kindest face I have ever seen. He carried me somewhere. He never asked my name. He just did the kind thing and went away—"

TO-MORROW'S STORY.

To-morrow's short story will be "Silent As The Grave," by Laurence W. Meynell.

"Ah, yes, my dear, there were some wonderful men in the war. Some vile some sublime. My son, for instance. Ah, yes, we women—women—I was wicked of me, I suppose, but oh, how I used to pray that it would be over before my Georgie came of age! Oh why couldn't they have come to some arrangement?"

"I know. I believe we women all who had someone in it we loved all felt that. Of course, I did see him again; otherwise I shouldn't be telling you all this."

The elder woman uttered a deep sigh. "We were so helpless, though, Georgie never told me. He joined up a year before he was qualified, as a private, mind you! a private! and to think that my uncle commanded a brigade in the South American war! Of course, he was such a splendid boy. He stood nearly six feet when he was eighteen. He looked every inch an officer even in his Tommy's uniform. A lot of the other's used instinctively to call him 'Sir.' He wrote me such lovely letters, so cheerful, so gay, even when he was down with fever in those dreadful swamps in Greece. He used to write home about—oh, about everything except the war."

"Yes, yes," said the younger woman, wearily. "I met Peter a few days later quite by chance in a narrow street near the railway station. He walked straight up to me and gravely asked me how I was. I was amazed that he remembered me. He looked in the curious outfit they used to wear in the trenches, like one of those medieval knights. He told me he was going up to the front line in two hours' time. We had only a few hurried words, and then he went."

The elder woman clicked her tongue with what was meant to be a display of sympathy and interest, but her aged and short-sighted eyes were elsewhere.

"Games! that was what he was so good at. Cricket, football, all those things. They said there were several colleges at both Oxford and Cambridge anxious to have him because he could run a hundred yards in ten minutes, was it?—and he could knock anybody over at football. And yet the wonderful thing was he was so gentle with it all. He wouldn't hurt a fly if he could help it. Of course, he got his commission, my dear, did I tell you?"

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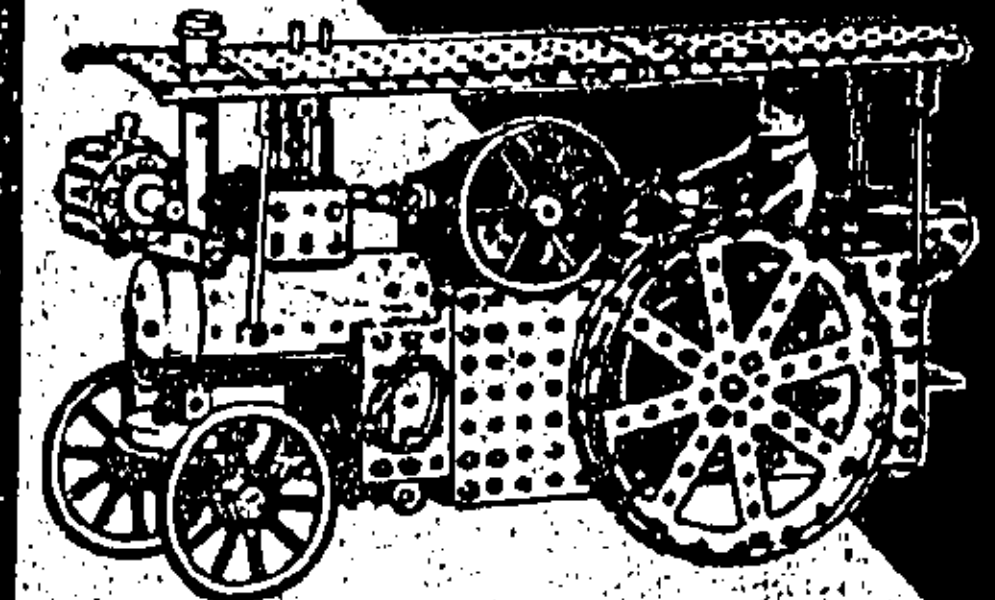
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NOTED SPORTSMAN'S DRIVER CHARGED.

Mr. Lo's Chauffeur Defends Himself.

A summons for dangerous driving was brought by Sergeant Howell against Lam Chung, driver employed by Mr. M. W. Lo, the well-known Colony tennis player and solicitor, before Mr. Schofield in the Central Police Court, this morning. Mr. Horace Lo appeared for the defence and pleaded not guilty.

Sergeant Howell told the Court that at 3.45 p.m. on December 8 he followed the defendant's Austin seven car down Stubbs Road from the sentry box. On each occasion, when rounding a bend the defendant drove practically over the white line, and on two corners below Shui Fai Terrace just missed a car on each occasion. All the bends in Stubbs Road are practically blind corners, stated the Sergeant.

The case was adjourned to to-morrow morning.

CHINESE RUN DOWN.

While driving his car in Queen's Road East yesterday afternoon, Mr. Walker, of the Hong Kong Jockey Club Stables, knocked down a Chinese man near the Grand Theatre, Wanchai. The man sustained a fracture of the spine bone, and was removed to the hospital.

Personal Pars.

Mr. W. C. Gee, a wireless engineer, returned to Hong Kong from Singapore to-day aboard the s.s. Hakone Maru.

Miss G. M. Rodger, who has been spending a vacation in Shanghai, returned to Hong Kong to-day on the s.s. President Monroe.

Mr. Martin Hess, a prominent Manila business man, arrived here this morning on the s.s. President Jefferson on a business trip.

Mr. E. K. Troutman, a dental surgeon was among the passengers who disembarked from the N.Y.K. s.s. Hakone Maru, which arrived from Home to-day.

Mr. D. W. Morley, M.A., lecturer in mechanical engineering at the University of Hong Kong, returned to the Colony to-day aboard the N.Y.K. liner Hakone Maru from Marseilles.

Mr. Walter F. Arndt, of the Canton office of the Dollar S.S. Line, returned from leave on the President Monroe this morning. He will spend a few days in the Colony before resuming his duties in Canton.

Among the passengers who arrived here on the s.s. President Monroe this morning, and who will be staying over in Hong Kong for some time, were the Misses E. H. Bekmay and C. S. Evans, Mr. H. Compere and Mr. F. S. Hopkins.

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monster cat...
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King of the herd,
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"Honest" Tom Heeneey British Boxer Refuses Tank Diving Proposition

Tom Heeneey, of New Zealand, challenger for world's heavy-weight championship against Gene Tunney, lived up to his reputation as "Honest" Tom in America recently, when an attempt was made to induce him to enter into a boxing "racket."

The following appeared in the world-famous sporting weekly, "Collyer's Eye":—

"An attempt by Broadway gutter rats to clean up \$50,000 dollars (\$10,000 at par.) on Tom Heeneey, (veteran New Zealand heavy-weight, via the tank diving route (an American ring term, meaning entering into a contract to be knocked out; regardless of who is the better fighter) has been exposed here. Efforts of the boxing chiselers were frustrated, it develops, by Heeneey and his manager, Charley Harvey."

"Heeneey had been singled out by racketeers prominent in the ring sport in this city to appear in a series of prearranged matches with leading heavyweights throughout the country."

"It was planned to have him go into the 'tank' for Primo Carnera and others entertaining title ambitions. Big money was anticipated by the Broadway clique in return for this diving service."

"However, deaf ears were turned to the preposterous proposition by the Heeneey camp. Harvey, who is regarded as one of the finest characters associated with boxing, would not consider a deal with the human vultures, who desired to purchase Heeneey's contract. The latter never has been involved in any shady ring transactions and also would be no party to the arrangement."

"According to plans revealed through an authentic source, those connected with the plot figured on using Heeneey in nine bouts during the period of three months. This should have made them \$50,000 or better."

"Although a veteran of many campaigns, Heeneey still is able to go the full distance with present-day heavyweights. Only Charley Ritzlaff managed to stop him, while in subsequent bouts he made creditable showings with Max Baer and Hans Birkie. Heeneey could be one of the busiest fighters in the division if he agreed to take dives—but that is out."

"Honest Tom" always has given his best and ring fans everywhere respect him for his efforts. Although hard hit financially, Heeneey prefers earning one honest dollar to five via the fake route. The chiselers had this reputation in mind when they decided to take over his contract."

Mixed Hockey Claimed To Be Most Dangerous

"What is the most dangerous game?" asks a sports writer in a London newspaper.

He dismissed the claims to this distinction of American football and declares that the foulest things that happen on the sports field occur in Mixed Hockey.

"The women who play this vile game are no respecters of persons," he says, "and seem to delight in cracking some poor offensive male over the head."

"Anybody and everybody is fair meat for their vicious onslaughts. If you have got to play then be the goalkeeper. Even then it is far from safe, but anyhow it is less dangerous."

"Of the football games Soccer perhaps produces more serious accidents than Rugby. Not because it is the rougher game, but because there are a lot of underhand—or underfoot—tricks which have crept into the game and cause unnecessary injuries."

AUSTRALIAN TEST CRICKETERS REVEAL GOOD FORM.

McCabe Just Misses Century and O'Reilly Takes 9 for 66.

W. J. O'Reilly, who finished off England's first innings at Sydney in such a dramatic manner, returned the splendid analysis of 40-17-66-9 in the Sheffield Shield match against Queensland. Coupled with O'Reilly's bowling were the batting feats of S. McCabe (91), A. F. Kippax (179), W. A. Oldfield (46) which enabled New South Wales to win by an innings and 274 runs.

Kippax has been dropped from the Australian eleven for the second Test at Melbourne which commences to-day week.

MAMAK TOURNEY

12th Battery Play
Two Games.

BEAT R. E. BUT LOSE TO
UNIVERSITY.

The 12th Battery R.A. played two matches, one after the other, in the Mamak Tournament yesterday afternoon. After defeating the Royal Engineers by 3 goals to one

"Rugger players are 'all out' nearly all the time, but like the traditional drunken man, they seem to avoid serious injury. Extraordinary, but true."

Before a recent international match two forwards were overheard arranging to put a famous opposing forward out of action."

"The latter was warned of this and after he had been severely handled while breaking from the first scrum, he thought it was up to him to take part in the game."

"He was so very much more successful than his rivals that in ten minutes they were both back in the dressing-room, scientifically put out for the rest of the game."

they played the University and lost by the odd goal in three.

Y. M. C. A. Win.

At King's Park yesterday the Y. M. C. A. second eleven defeated the Club "A" by 4 goals to 2. G. H. Fowler (3) and E. F. Sell scored for the winners while J. E. Potter replied on both occasions for the Club.

Mamak Hockey Table

(Up to and including yesterday's games.)

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Radio	12	11	0	1	47	8	23
R.C. Signals	14	11	2	1	50	13	23
1st Bty. H.K.S.	10	9	0	1	46	9	19
R.A.S.C.	15	7	5	3	20	21	17
St. Andrew's	10	7	2	1	36	11	15
Inceoghts	7	7	0	27	3	14	
Medway	12	6	2	4	24	11	16
Police	7	4	1	2	13	10	10
University	9	5	4	0	17	20	10
Phoenix	9	3	3	16	17	9	
12th R.A.	9	4	4	1	16	13	9
R.E.	14	4	0	1	15	32	9
R.A.M.C.	12	2	6	4	9	20	8
Wishart	5	3	2	0	10	15	6
Veteran	5	2	3	0	4	7	4
Tamar	10	1	7	2	10	24	4
24th R.A.	7	1	5	1	3	21	8
20th R.A.	7	1	5	1	3	15	8
Parthian	4	1	3	0	6	11	2
German Club	10	2	8	0	3	27	4
R.A.O.C.	9	0	8	1	0	26	1
K.I.T.C.	12	0	11	1	6	47	1
8th Destroyers	1	0	1	0	1	2	0

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QUEEN'S

Fanling Starting Times

The following are the starting times for the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club at Fanling on Sunday:—

Old Course.

9.20-9.24 a.m.—Not to be booked by travellers on 8.37 train.

9.28 a.m. Comdr. R. H. McBean, I. W. Shewan.

9.32 " H. Spicer, R. W. Gardiner.

9.36 " C. L. Sandes, A. B. Raworth.

9.40 " C. J. D. Law, C. F. Hyde.

9.44 " E. M. Bryden, D. S. Robb.

9.48 " O. Eager, F. M. Ellis.

9.52 " A. M. Parker, J. Coulthart.

9.56 " W. Patterson, D. Christie.

10.00 " J. C. Miller, R. R. Davies.

10.04 " I. H. Geare, A. E. Lissaman.

10.08 " J. R. Mason, R. C. Law.

10.12 " R. W. Jones, G. A. Leiper.

10.16 " A. O. Brown, E. des Voeux.

10.20 " I. B. Trevor, F. C. Barry.

10.24 " J. H. Bradley, J. B. Mackie.

10.28 " P. L. Leefe, A. Kidd.

10.32 " W. W. Murdoch, H. Hampton.

10.36 " N. K. Littlejohn, J. G. Campbell.

10.40 " D. J. Mackie, G. W. Tolmie.

10.44 " J. F. Robinson, T. A. Calcraft.

New Course.

9.20-9.24 a.m.—Not to be booked by travellers on 8.37 train.

9.32 a.m. Dr. A. V. Greaves, Mrs. Greaves.

9.40 " A. H. McBride, Mrs. McBride.

9.48 " W. Wooding, N. S. Ellis.

9.56 " Miss Curtin, D. S. Edward.

10.04 " R. A. Rodgers, Mrs. Rodgers.

BOXING DAY.

Old Course.

9.20-9.24 a.m.—Not to be booked by travellers on 8.37 train.

9.28 a.m. W. J. Carrie, R. E. M. Simpson.

9.32 " R. Young, D. S. Robb.

9.36 " C. H. Burton, Hollingdale.

9.40 " A. C. I. Bowker, W. F. Simons.

9.44 " C. S. Miller, C. E. Sandstrom.

9.48 " D. Ellis, C. Hyde.

9.52 " C. W. Jeffries, G. W. Sowell.

9.56 " C. J. D. Law, K. Mackenzie.

10.00 " P. L. Collinson, F. Austin.

10.04 " G. W. Reeve, R. H. Griffith.

10.08 " E. des Voeux, H. C. Hopkins.

10.12 " J. Forbes, R. B. Davies.

10.16 " H. J. Armstrong, J. W. Albaster.

10.20 " I. H. Geare, K. E. Greig.

10.24 " N. V. Peters, H. P. Bailey.

10.28 " M. W. Budd, Comdr. McBean.

10.32 " A. B. Raworth, R. C. G. Ralston.

10.36 " A. E. Lissaman, D. S. Edward.

10.40 " M. G. Marriott, J. F. Wright.

10.44 " O. Eager, F. M. Ellis.

10.48 " H. R. Sturt, Comdr. Docksey.

10.52 " H. G. Wallington, C. Mycock.

10.56 " J. H. Penn, F. Syme.

11.00 " W. Patterson, E. D. Matthews.

11.04 " G. F. Hole, Pollock.

11.08 " A. Kidd, P. S. Grant.

11.12 " C. H. Bradley, N. K. Littlejohn.

11.16 " D. J. Christie, R. C. Law.

11.20 " W. W. Murdoch, W. S. Hillier.

11.24 " W. A. Mackinlay, E. T. E. New Course.

9.20-9.24 a.m.—Not to be booked by travellers on 8.37 train.

9.32 a.m. W. J. Roberts, Mrs. Roberts.

9.40 " R. A. Rodgers, A. G. E. Fournier.

9.48 " J. E. Richardson, Mrs. Kerr.

9.56 " J. C. Miller, W. E. Hunt.

10.04 " Mrs. Carrie, Mrs. Simpson.

10.12 " R. C. Webb, J. G. Dunbar.

10.20 " G. May, K. W. Jones.

10.28 " J. R. B. Coupland, Slingsby.

10.36 " A. H. McBride, Mrs. McBride.

10.44 " Mrs. Lissaman, Miss Curtin.

TUESDAY.

Old Course.

8.56 a.m. C. E. Sandstrom, L. C. Grover.

9.20-9.24 a.m.—Not to be booked by travellers on 8.37 train.

9.28 a.m. A. Ritchie, D. S. Robb.

9.32 " W. W. Murdoch, H. Hampton.

9.36 " A. C. I. Bowker, M. W. Barton.

9.40 " G. A. Leiper, E. Williamson.

9.44 " J. P. Warren, W. Wright.

9.48 " M. W. Budd, Thomson.

9.52 " I. H. Geare, H. H. Pethick.

9.56 " D. S. Edward, N. K. Littlejohn.

10.00 " C. W. Tolmie, D. J. Mackie.

10.04 " G. W. Reeve, E. T. E. Nash.

10.08 " J. MacKnight, W. S. Hillier.

10.12 " O. F. Ross, J. L. McPherson.

10.16 " Dr. Greaves, C. Thwaites.

10.20 " A. E. Lissaman, S. A. Sheap.

10.24 " A. M. Kirkby, J. W. Mayhew.

10.28 " J. S. Dykes, A. Kidd.

10.32 " R. Ralston, F. Austin.

10.36 " E. B. Raworth, R. E. Batchelor.

10.40 " G. F. Hole, L. G. S. Dodwell.

New Course.

9.20-9.24 a.m.—Not to be booked by travellers on 8.37 train.

9.32 a.m. Mrs. Kirkby, Mrs. Mayhew.

9.40 " Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Curtin.

9.48 " W. E. Hunt, J. P. Hollingdale.

9.56 " W. J. Roberts, Mrs. Roberts.

10.04 " W. Col. E. D. Matthews.

10.12 " L. A. E. Duncan, W. E. F. Jones.

10.20 " Mrs. Duncan, Mrs. Jones.

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SPORT PAGE

SHANGHAI SOCCER INCIDENT

Whole Chinan Team Walk Off Field.

THEN RETURN TO BEAT TUNG HWA BY 3-2.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, Tuesday. UNPRECEDENTED scenes were witnessed at the Pioneer Field ground on Saturday when the whole of the Chinan football team walked off the field of play as a protest against the referee's decision in awarding the Tung Hwa team with a penalty.

"Darky" Chen, the Interport forward, was clearly disgusted with the referee's decision and the rest of the team needed no urging to follow him from the field.

The referee took little notice and signalled for the kick to be taken and N. Lee drove the ball into an undefended goal.

Chinan, however, returned to the field after the players had discussed the situation for several moments and won the game by 3 goals to 2 thus smashing Tung Hwa's unbeaten record.

This incident follows close on the heels of other irregularities which the Shanghai Football Association have been confronted with, and an enquiry is to be held this week.

ENGLAND & PORTUGAL SOCCER TEAMS.

International Matches For 'Sunday Herald' Cup

The following have been selected to represent ENGLAND against Wales in the Sunday Herald Charity Cup match on Tuesday on the Club ground at 3.30 p.m.

Fogwell (Club), Allen (R.A.), S. Strange (Club), captain; Robertson (Navy), Pardoe (R.A.), Bliss (Kowloon), Wood (R.A.), Bryant (R.A.), Purkins (Navy), Ridley and Baldry (Lincs.). Reserves: E. Strange (Club), Shirras (Navy), and Kirkham (Lincs.).

The following will represent Portugal against China in the Second Round of the Sunday Herald Charity Cup on Boxing Day at 3.30 p.m. on the Club Ground.

R. Marques (St. Joseph's); R. Silva-Netto (Recreio); L. Gomes (St. Joseph's); S. Souza (St. Joseph's); N. Beltrao (St. Joseph's); L. Fernandes (St. Joseph's); S. Souza (St. Joseph's); G. Gosano (St. Joseph's); A. V. Gosano (St. Joseph's); L. Rocha (Recreio), and F. A. Santos (Recreio).

Reserves: V. Costa (St. Joseph's); V. Marques (Recreio) and J. Gomes (Recreio).

League Soccer To-morrow. Kowloon will play St. Joseph's in the Premier Soccer League on the K. F. C. ground at 4 p.m. to-morrow, and their Second Division fixture against Eastern has been postponed. The Junior league game between the R. A. F. and R. A. S. C. has also been postponed.

NEWCASTLE AND SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Application Rejected.

Newcastle United's ambition to run a team in the Second Division of the Scottish League, taking over the fixtures of the expelled Boness club, will not be realised. The Scottish League Management Committee has decided not to entertain the proposal.

Few people expected Newcastle United to succeed in this attempt. Had they been successful in their application, an embarrassing position might have arisen. If the Tyneside second string had by any chance gained promotion, they would have found themselves playing against sides such as Glasgow Rangers, Celtic, Motherwell, and Hearts, a ludicrous thought.

The Scottish authorities are keen on cutting down the size of their second division, and the Boness crash means one step nearer their objective.

Home And Away Soccer Tables to Date

FIRST DIVISION.

	HOME					AWAY					
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.A. Pts.	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.A. Pts.	Total
Arsenal (2)	10	7	1	2	22	10	8	1	1	27	49
Aston Villa (5)	10	9	1	0	28	10	2	5	3	14	27
Wednesday (3)	10	8	0	2	25	10	3	5	1	17	25
Derby C. (15)	10	6	1	2	25	10	4	3	3	19	21
Leeds U. (-)	10	5	1	4	16	10	2	2	5	9	23
West Bromwich (6)	10	7	1	2	22	10	2	6	1	13	23
Newcastle U. (11)	10	6	2	2	22	10	3	4	1	10	21
Huddersfield (4)	10	5	3	1	13	10	4	4	1	15	20
Everton (1)	10	6	0	4	21	10	2	7	1	12	20
Sunderland (13)	10	4	2	3	15	10	4	1	5	17	21
Bolton W. (17)	10	7	1	2	23	10	4	1	5	17	21
Sheffield U. (2)	10	5	3	1	13	10	2	4	4	13	20
Portsmouth (8)	10	6	3	1	19	10	1	5	3	20	18
Liverpool (10)	10	4	3	3	14	10	2	5	3	13	17
Blackburn R. (16)	10	3	2	4	20	10	2	5	3	13	17
Manchester C. (14)	10	5	3	2	25	10	2	8	0	13	14
Chelsea (12)	10	5	3	2	20	10	2	7	0	9	23
Birmingham (9)	10	5	3	1	14	10	0	6	4	11	20
Blackpool (20)	10	6	3	0	21	10	2	8	0	11	27
Middlesbrough (18)	10	2	6	1	10	10	2	6	1	17	24
Leicester C. (19)	10	1	3	6	12	10	0	2	7	11	20
Wolves (1)	10	3	5	1	22	10	0	8	2	11	29

SECOND DIVISION.

	HOME					AWAY					
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.A. Pts.	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.A. Pts.	Total
Stoke C. (3)	10	7	2	1	24	10	6	1	2	18	42
Bradford C. (7)	10	7	1	2	24	10	4	2	3	16	21
Tottenham (8)	10	7	0	3	27	10	3	4	1	18	25
Bury (5)	10	5	0	4	20	10	5	4	1	14	25
Swansea (-)	10	9	0	1	27	10	1	5	3	8	20
Fulham (15)	10	5	1	2	20	10	3	4	3	17	23
Manchester U. (12)	10	5	2	3	21	10	2	3	4	15	22
Millwall (9)	10	6	1	2	19	10	2	5	3	10	20
Plymouth A. (4)	10	6	2	1	26	10	2	5	3	10	20
Oldham (6)	10	5	2	1	19	10	1	8	1	9	19
Southampton (14)	10	5	3	2	26	10	1	4	4	10	18
Notts C. (16)	10	5	3	2	21	10	1	3	5	12	17
Grimsby T. (-)	10	5	3	2	21	10	1	6	3	13	17
Oldham A. (18)	10	4	2	3	14	10	2	5	2	13	17
Lincoln C. (-)	10	5	2	2	22	10	1	6	3	13	17
Bradford N. (-)	10	5	3	1	24	10	3	3	0	15	22
Notts F. (11)	10	1	3	5	13	10	3	4	1	16	10
Port Vale (20)	10	5	3	1	22	10	1	6	3	9	15
West Ham U. (-)	10	5	2	3	20	10	2	5	3	9	14
Preston N.E. (13)	10	4	6	0	22	10	2	5	3	9	14
Chesham (17)	10	4	3	3	15	10	2	5	3	9	14
Charlton (16)	10	3	5	2	15	10	1	7	1	9	25
Barnley (19)	10	2	3	5	15	10	1	6	2	15	28

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH).

	HOME					AWAY					
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.A. Pts.	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.A. Pts.	Total
Brentford (5)	10	7	0	3	24	10	7	2	1	23	47
Reading (2)	10	7	0	3	24	10	7	2	1	23	47
Norwich C. (10)	10	6	1	3	23	10	7	2	1	23	47
Exeter C. (7)	10	5	2	1	20	10	4	3	2	17	20
Bristol R. (18)	10	6	2	1	23	10	1	3	3	12	14
Crystal P. (4)	10	7	2	1	21	10	2	4	3	11	17
Southend U. (13)	10	4	3	3	19	10	2	3	3	11	17
Southampton (14)	10	4	3	3	19	10	2	3	3	11	17
Watford (11)	10	5	1	4	20	10	2	6	0	9	16
Albion (-)	10	4	2	3	18	10	1	4	2	10	14
Bournemouth (15)	10	4	1	3	19	10	1	5	4	10	14
Luton (6)	10	6	0	2	25	10	4	2	2	22	26
Brighton (8)	10	5	1	3	11	10	7	1	5	11	23
Northampton (12)	10	7	5	0	26	10	7	3	0	25	35
Coventry C. (14)	10	7	5	0	20	10	1	6	3	17	25
Bristol C. (-)	10	7	4	1	29	10	1	6	3	17	25
Gillingham (21)	10	9	6	3	21	10	1	5	1	7	18
Torquay U. (19)	10	8	4	2	25	10	1	6	2	13	30
Clapton C. (9)	10	5	2	3	25	10	1	6	1	8	23
Swindon T. (17)	10	7	3	2	24	10	1	8	1	16	34
Newport C. (-)	10	7	3	3	12	10	1	7	3	10	34

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH).

	HOME					AWAY					
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.A. Pts.	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.A. Pts.	Total
Chester (3)	10	6	1	4	25	10	7	2	0	15	20
Hull C. (8)	10	6	0	2	26	10	3	4	3	14	20
Crewe A. (6)	10	8	0	2	28	10	2	5	0	9	21
Gateshead (2)	10	7	0	2	25	10	7	0	3	16	21
Southend (7)	10	8	0	2	25	10	7	0	3	16	21
Wrexham (10)	10	7	1	1	27	10	8	1	1	22	30
Barrow (5)	10	9	3	0	30	10	8	1	1	18	20
Manchester F. (-)	10	6	1	4	27	10	7	0	2	18	28
Doncaster (15)	10	7	3	0	4	14	10	2	4	13	21
Barrow (-)	10	8	4	1	19	10	3	4	3	16	23
Stockport C. (12)	10	4	2	2	23	10	3	5	1	18	19
Rochdale (21)	10	5	3	2	13	10	2	5	1	12	16
Walsall (16)	10	7	0	1	19	10	8	2	0	24	27
Rotherham U. (19)	10	7	1	2	16	10	6	1	1	5	15
Carlisle U. (18)	10	7	3	0	10	10	2	1	7	10	15
York C. (9)	10	8	3	2	25	10	7	2	0	15	25
Tranmere (4)	10	7	3	1	18	10	7	2	0	19	25
Halifax T. (17)	10	7	3	1	13	10	7	2	0	16	25
New Brighton (20)	10	8	1	4	22	10	6	2	1	5	22
Hartlepool (13)	10	7	3	2	11	10	8	2	0	17	26
Darlington (11)	10	7	3	2	14	10	8	2	0	17	26

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

	HOME							AWAY							
	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals.	F.	A.	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals.	Tot.		
Rangers (2)	11	8	0	3	28	13	10	5	3	2	2	21	49		
Hearts (8)	10	9	0	1	28	5	19	12	5	3	2	19	42		
Motherwell (1)	10	8	1	1	40	13	17	11	6	2	3	29	47		
Celtic (3)	10	8	1	2	34	8	18	11	5	3	3	19	44		
*St. Johnstone (-)	10	9	1	0	27	8	18	11	2	4	5	15	23		
Hamilton A. (10)	11	7	0	4	35	12	18	10	4	5	1	27	26		
Aberdeen (7)	12	8	2	2	41	14	18	10	4	6	0	14	19		
St. Mirren (5)	10	8	2	0	31	13	16	11	4	6	0	19	24		
Partick T. (6)	10	6	4	0	28	12	12	8	5	3	0	11	11		
Kilmarnock (9)	12	7	2	3	33	21	17	9	0	6	8	10	25		
Queen's Park (16)	8	5	1	2	10	7	12	12	2	8	2	20	14		
Third Lanark (4)	10	6	3	1	26	13	10	10	2	7	1	12	18		
Clyde (13)	12	5	5	0	20	16	13	10	2	6	2	14	27		
Cowdenbeath (12)	10	6	3	1	27	19	13	11	1	9	1	19	22		
Falkirk (18)	10	3	3	4	18	21	9	9	3	5	1	15	21		
Ayr U. (17)	10	6	4	0	20	18	12	12	1	10	1	14	15		
Dundee (11)	11	3	4	4	15	23	10	10	2	6	2	12	14		
Morton (15)	11	1	9	1	15	18	9	11	2	5	0	11	12		
Airdrieonians (14)	11	4	6	1	16	20	9	9	0	9	6	6	18		
*E. Stirling (-)	10	3	6	1	15	23	7	10	1	9	0	15	22		

[The figures in brackets denote the position occupied by the Club at the conclusion of last season.]

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U-BOAT SKIPPER'S PRAISE OF BRITISH.

Amazing System Of Wartime Espionage.

SUNKEN SHIPS' SECRETS.

(By Hector C. Bywater).

Some twelve months ago I related the strange story of U B-110, the German submarine from whose wreckage the British Admiralty recovered secret charts which betrayed the movements of other German U-boats. In consequence of this discovery our naval forces are believed to have accounted for several of these submarines.

The captain of U B-110, Lt.-Cmdr. Werner Furrbringer, was rescued when his boat was sunk, and he has now published a rejoinder to my article, in which, incidentally, he pays a remarkable tribute to the efficiency of our naval secret service. I extract the following:

"At my interrogation in London I had disconcerting proof that the British knew far more about our U-boats than we ever suspected. On arriving in London (as a prisoner of war) I was met at the station by a tall naval officer who addressed me in fluent German. 'Good day, Herr Furrbringer, I am glad you are here at last; we have been waiting for you a long time.'

Officer Prisoners.

"The interrogation took place next morning in a detention barracks near the South Kensington Museum, my inquisitor being the same officer. At his request I outlined my service in the German Navy up to the outbreak of war, but I declined to talk about subsequent events.

"The officer then asked me what submarines of the Flanders flotilla were at sea. I said I did not know.

"Has Max returned yet?" he asked suddenly. This could only refer to Lt.-Cmdr. Max Vieberg, who had sailed just after me. I was astounded, but held my tongue.

"If you will talk more freely," said the officer, you shall have preferential treatment and be sent to the camp where Seppi is.

"Seppi?" I exclaimed, involuntarily.

"Yes, yes. I'll send you to the camp where Seppi, Wenninger, Lala, and other gentlemen you know are living. But you must talk more freely."

Sunk Hospital Ship.

"He was referring to Lt.-Cmdr. Wenninger and Lafrenz. He knew a great deal, but he was not going to get anything out of me.

"His last question of this kind was, 'Who really had sunk the hospital ship in the Irish Sea? Was it Amberger? They didn't know for

Charity Ball A Great Success.

\$3,341 Realized From Tickets, Donations

HOTEL CECIL THANKED

The success of the Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children in arranging a Charity Ball at the Hotel Cecil, is mentioned in a communication from Mr. T. O. T'so, honorary secretary for the occasion. His letter follows:

"With a view to raising funds for the Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children a Charity Ball was held at the Hotel Cecil on the night of December 2, 1932, under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Peel, K.C.M.G., K.B.E.

"The function was largely attended and the result amply testifies to the ready response of the public to the Society's appeal. A summary of the receipts and expenditures shows that a net amount of \$3,341.60 has been raised.

Receipts at the dance were \$2,205. By donations through Mr. Ngan, Mr. Arthur Woo, \$10.00; Mr. Ho Kam-tong, \$25.00; Messrs. J. I. Thornycroft & Co., Ltd., \$50.00; Mr. Wong Ka-tsun, \$10.00; and Mr. Sin, Mr. Paul Lauder, the gross revenue was swelled to \$3,671.25.

"We wish to take this opportunity of publicly acknowledging

certain. At this moment Amberger, as I knew, was actually cruising at sea. But I refused to say anything, and after a few more questions I was led away.

"Max, Seppi, Lala, Amberger—how did this man know these names? It was as though he, or one of this colleagues, had sat among us as an invisible guest in our mess at Bruges. Even by interrogating captured German blue-jackets he could hardly have learnt these names, and still less the many, many other facts which he knew.

"In Bruges (headquarters of the German U-boat forces in Flanders), therefore, we were the centre of a network of British espionage which was efficient beyond all conception.

"No, I did not believe that this officer could have acquired his amazing knowledge of our doings from German sailor prisoners. What he knew had been imparted to him in the first instance by the magnificent British Intelligence Service."

our gratitude to His Excellency the Governor for having kindly consented to be the Patron of the Charity Ball and to the Executive Council for the remission of the usual fee payable for permission to carry on the dance after midnight.

"We also wish to thank all those who contributed to the success of the dance either by way of services or donations, and particularly the management of the Hotel Cecil for the free use of its newly decorated dancing hall and free supper. Many valuable articles were received from various business houses and the raffish and sales of these during the dance were most productive.

List Of Donations.

"Our thanks are due to:—The Yue Shing Printing Office for 1,000 tickets free of charge; Messrs. Ah Man Hing Cheung for 50 silk badges; Messrs. Jardine, Matheson Co., Ltd. for 1 case 'White Horse' Whiskey and 1 case 'Three Star' Brandy;

Messrs. Gande, Price Ltd. for 1 doz. bottles of various wines; Messrs. J. D. Hutchison & Co. for 6 doz. packets of Fry chocolate and 2 cases Army Club Cigarettes;

The British American Tobacco Co., Ltd. for 1,600 cigarettes; The Sincere Co., Ltd. for toys; The Wing On Co., Ltd. for toys;

Sincere's Christmas Gift Shop for 2 dolls at half price; Messrs. A. S. Watson's & Co., Ltd. for the entire supply of aerated waters;

Messrs. Caldbeck, Macgregor & Co., Ltd. for 1 case (3 bots.) J. Walker Red Label Whiskey, and

Mr. H. S. Mok for one book.

"The proceeds of the dance will greatly assist the Society to maintain its work amongst the poor and needy of the Colony and we are sure all those who are so unfortunate as like us to express for them how to need the Society's help would like us to express for them how much they appreciate, and, incidentally, how much they need the provision which the Society has been able to make for them."

THE MANDARIN-PROFESSOR.

Englishman Taught Former Emperor.

ADVENTURES IN WILD SHANSHI MOUNTAINS.

(Reuter's Special Service)

London.

Sir Reginald Fleming is a mandarin of the highest rank—the first of the nine grades—in China, but at home in England he is known by the far more prosaic title of "professor," being Professor Chinese in the School of Oriental Studies at Finsbury Circus, London.

Sir Reginald has some strange stories to tell of his experiences. During 32 years in China, he lived for months at a time in mountain monasteries in the heart of the country. He was tutor and personal adviser to the ex-emperor, and received more honours than have even before been bestowed on a foreigner.

"I have visited each of the four famous sacred mountains of China," said Sir Reginald in an interview. "Conditions have improved now, but they are still not easy of access."

Journey By Mule.

"Perhaps the most famous is Wu-Tai in the province of Shansi. To reach the mountain from Peking there is a range 10,000 feet high to cross. It is a five-day journey on mule back.

"There are about a hundred monasteries and temples on Wu-Tai Shan—which means the mountain of the five summits—and it is a place of pilgrimage for devout Buddhists all over China."

Met The Lama.

"It was at Wu-Tai that the Dalai Lama of Tibet took shelter when he fled from Lhasa in 1908 at the approach of Sir Francis Younghusband's expedition. I was staying at the monastery at the time and was the first Englishman to meet the Dalai Lama.

He gave me a special audience and in spite of my being British he was very charming. Since then the Dalai Lama has become friendly to us and when he was threatened by the Chinese, Britain gave him refuge in Darjeeling.

Annals of Ancients.

"Wu-Tai goes back to the very beginnings of Buddhism in China—to the first century A. D.—and preserved there are the annals of the monasteries, written by the monks long centuries ago. Some have been lost, others destroyed in one of the fires which have devastated so many of the sacred buildings, all of which are made of wood.

Yet for about 500 years there is a fairly complete collection and I was able to study quite a number of them. They are all printed on rice-paper from wooden blocks and all the work is done by the monks themselves.

Drinking Contest.

"Some amusing legends are recorded in these annals.

"Once a Taoist priest challenged a Buddhist monk to a wine-drinking contest. The Buddhist declared that his religion forbade him to drink wine, but if it were poison, he would gladly drink. So arsenic was put in the wine, and the monk drank copious draughts. He suffered no ill-effects and so the Taoist was very scared and flatly refused to carry out the bargain.

"The sequel is interesting because it recalls an old belief still common in England. Many country folk believe that if a white circle is drawn round a hen, the fowl becomes hypnotised in some way and dare not cross the line. I believe there is some truth in this story.

Prisoner In A Circle.

"However, the monk drew a chalk line round the priest and he was a prisoner—just, abjectly, crawling round in circles. Eventually he was released by the intervention of the Emperor.

"Then there are stories of monks fed on nuts brought to them by heavenly spirits and of fruit and flowers brought to a great teacher by the spirits of the mountains. These are interesting because of their resemblance to the biblical story of Elijah and the ravens.

"There are many other stories of monks who were able to cure people of disease by a sort of magnetic power. I believe there is a good deal of truth underlying this influence on the sub-conscious mind, when the subject is in a state of religious exaltation, may well provide a cure in certain cases."

LONDON UNIVERSITY ROOTS IN CHINA.

Offshoot Of English Tree Of Learning.

THE GARDEN OF FRAGRANCE.

(Reuter's Special Mail Service).

London.

The growth of Westfield College, in the University of London, is one of the remarkable stories of the spread of the higher education for women.

When it was founded 50 years ago—it is just celebrating its jubilee—there were five students, and one resident lecturer. Its object was to give girls attending London University the same residential advantages as their contemporaries had at Girton and Newham.

To-day, there is accommodation for 150 students at Kidderpore Hall, Hampstead, and there are 18 lecturers. Of the 1,000 or more students who have passed through Westfield, nearly 50 have become headmistresses and more than 70 are engaged in missionary work in all parts of the world.

A former member of the staff, Miss Katherine Tristram, received for educational work in Japan the Kang-Sho, the highest honour ever awarded a woman in the country.

In China there is a remarkable offshoot of Westfield—"I Fang"—the Garden of Fragrance.

Chinese Offshoot.

Sir Thomas Inskip, the Attorney General, and Chairman of the Council of the College, has told the story of I Fang to the Press.

"A former student of Westfield, Miss P. S. Tseng," he explains, "founded I Fang as a collegiate school at Changsha in 1918.

"In 1927 the Red Terror swept over China, and the school was occupied by bandits and looted.

"Directly possession was recovered, Miss Tseng started again the primary school, to keep alive the spirit of I Fang. Within three years the horrors of the Red Terror were re-enacted and yet this indomitable lady persevered.

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12.30 p.m.—European programme of Victor & H.M.V. records.

1 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.

1.30 p.m.—Rugby Press News, Selected London & New York Stock Quotations, etc.

2 p.m.—Close Down.

5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

7.10.30 p.m.—European Programme.

7 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations, Selected London & New York Stock Quotations.

7.15-9.10 p.m.—A programme of Victor & H.M.V. records.

7.15-7.32 p.m.—Metropolis (Ferdie Grofe)

Paul Whiteman & His Concert Orch. 35933/35934.

7.32-8 p.m.—Variety.

Fox Trot—You Fascinate Me

Buddy Rogers & His Orch. 24001.

Song—A Cottage for Sale

Gracie Fields (Comedienne) B3463.

Fox Trot—The Wooden Soldier and the China Doll

Nat Shilkret & the Victor Orch. 22925.

Song—Columbine's Garden

Walter Glynn (Tenor) B3106.

Violin Solo—Dance of the Maidens

Fritz Kreisler 1233.

Fox Trot—Hello Gorgeous

Buddy Rogers & His Orch. 24001.

Song—Cryin' for the Carolines

Gracie Fields (Comedienne) B3463.

Fox Trot—Ruin on the Roof

Nat Shilkret & the Victor Orch. 22925.

Song—Thinkin' of Mary

Walter Glynn (Tenor) B3106.

Violin Solo—Blue Skies

Fritz Kreisler 1233.

8 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.

8.3-8.20 p.m.—Daphnis et Chloe—Suite No. 2

(Ravel)

Boston Symphony Orch. under the direction of Serge Koussevitzky 7143/7144.

8.20-9.10 p.m.—A Concert.

Piano Solo—Staccato Etude (Rubinstein)

La Campanella (Paganini-Liszt)

Mischa Levitzki D1489.

Song—Since First I Met Thee

(Watson-Rubinstein)

Songs my Mother Taught Me

(Macfarren-Dvorak)

Rosa Ponselle (Soprano) 1319.

String Bass Solo—

RENO'S RECORD CHALLENGED.

Divorce Stream In Minden.

(Reuter's Special Mail Service.)

Reno.

A desire for more secrecy than is possible in Reno has resulted in rising popularity as divorce centre for several outlying communities.

Fairly well removed from this more populous city and its many newspaper men, their comparative isolation affords "escape" for those who dread publication of the news of their temporary residence in Nevada.

The little farming community of Minden, fifty miles south of here is the most popular of the neighbouring county seats. Several prominent persons have been divorced there in recent weeks. That they were in the State did not become known until several hours after each had been divorced.

Minuet in G (Beethoven)

Valise Miniature (Koussevitzky)

Serge Koussevitzky 1476.

Piano Solo—Capriccio (Scriabin)

Serenade for the Doll (Debussy)

Vladimir Horowitz 1353.

Song—Bird Songs at Eventide

(Barrie-Coates)

The Little Silver Ring (Chaminade)

John McCormack (Tenor) 1303.

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9.10-10.25 p.m.—A Programme of

classical music from Z.B.W.'s Library.

1. In The Steppes of Central Asia

(Berodini)

London Symphony Orchestra con-

ducted by Albert Coates.

2. (a) Berceuse (b) Snow Drop

(Gretchaninoff)

Nina Koshetz (Soprano)

3. Eugen Onegin Waltz

(Tchaikowsky)

Royal Opera Orchestra Covent

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4. Final Movt. from Concerto in

E Minor (Chopin)

Brailowski and the Berlin State

Opera Orchestra

5. Jean d'Arc (Tchaikowsky)

Adieu Forests

Marla Jeritza (Soprano)

6. Brahms' Symphony No. 3 in F

played by the Philadelphia

Symphony Orchestra.

10.25 p.m.—Rugby Press News.

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

TWO OF THOSE WOMEN

(Continued from page 7.)

I saw on the face of the younger woman a sudden expression of utter disgust and annoyance. She was, I am sure, thinking: "Oh, you tedious old fool! What do I care about your ridiculous son? Don't you understand I'm trying to tell you about Peter. Peter! you know, my Peter, the most wonderful person in the world."

The old lady was continuing: "It seems strange to me, my dear, that after all these years, that part of it seems unreal. I can remember very little about it. Nothing at all about names and places and regiments and all those things. It was just a terrible night mare coming between me and Georgie. When I think of him it is always of him when he was a baby or a boy."

The expression of the younger woman suggested: "What was the interest of a baby and a schoolboy compared with the interest of a young man in the first flush of virile manhood? She fidgeted in her chair, and there was a silence. The two of them seemed to fall apart and forget each other. After a pause they drifted together again like magratory birds on a long flight. Strangely enough, it was the elder woman who seemed to be the first conscious of their need for some kind of communion. Perhaps her conscience stabbed her that she had occupied too much of the conversation. She said hesitatingly:

"Did you marry this—did you marry the young man, my dear?"

It was evident that the question moved the younger woman profoundly.

She put her hand to her throat and whispered almost inaudibly:

"No."

Then, controlling herself with an effort, she continued:

"No, no, no. But you may guess the reason."

"He was killed?"

The younger woman shook her head and, her voice shaking with tears, said:

"I do not know. In the war it was so easy to lose touch with people. We only met four times. But he swore that he loved me at our last meeting. God knows I loved him. Soon after he went I developed typhoid fever. I was terribly ill and sent to England. When I recovered I could find no trace of him. Whether he had been

killed or sent to another front, perhaps killed there, perhaps married to someone else . . . I don't know. I tell you, I don't know. I shall never know. It was more than ten years ago this coming April, when the chestnut trees were blossoming along the banks of the canal . . . I was only a girl then . . . oh, my God!"

She was trembling from the effect of this little outbreak, but in the pause she seemed to realise that it was she who had been monopolising the conversation. It was comforting to have anyone to tell all this to, you could see. And, after all, the poor old lady had lost her son. Could it be as terrible to lose a son as a lover? Controlling, herself, she said: "Where was your boy killed?"

The older woman was apparently reacting to this emotional display. Her eyes were fixed on the ground, and her tongue was beating a little tattoo between her lips. She did not answer the question.

"That dreadful uncertainty!" she suddenly exclaimed, "how it has eaten me up. Men have never quite known what it means. Why do they have these wars? Why can't they come to some arrangement, I say? You are young, my dear. You may yet have a son, and pour out all your substance into making him a man. And when he has arrived at that—"

She shrugged her shoulders helplessly, and the younger woman said: "No, I shall never have a son. I could never, never, love anyone, but Peter."

It was quite apparent that during the last few minutes the women had been drawn more closely together. A link was formed by their common grief. Neither of them was any longer entirely preoccupied with her individual trouble. The younger woman repeated her question:

"Where was your boy killed, Mrs.—"

In her effort to appear interested she was handicapped by not knowing her companion's name, and she plainly did not like to address her as she herself was addressed as "my dear." What did it matter? They had drifted together, as they would drift apart. A name, or a term meant nothing. Then the elder woman made a remark which surprised me.

"My son was not killed. He is

WHIPPING POSTS AN ECONOMY.

Move To Put Down Crime Wave.

(Reuter's Special Mail Service.)

Woodbury, New Jersey.

Whipping posts as an "economy" measure and a "deterrent in crime" are advocated by the Gloucester county October Grand Jury for New Jersey lawbreakers.

After returning 283 true bills against law violators, the largest number for any Grand Jury are in the history of the county, the jurors adopted a resolution requesting local state legislators to introduce and support in the State Legislature a bill permitting the establishment of whipping posts.

still alive."

I think this interested me more than it did the younger woman. Indeed, her brow puckered into a little perplexed frown, as though she thought that the other had not been quite playing the game. Why all this extravagant grief if she had not lost the boy after all? What was the old woman making this fuss about? The latter was continuing.

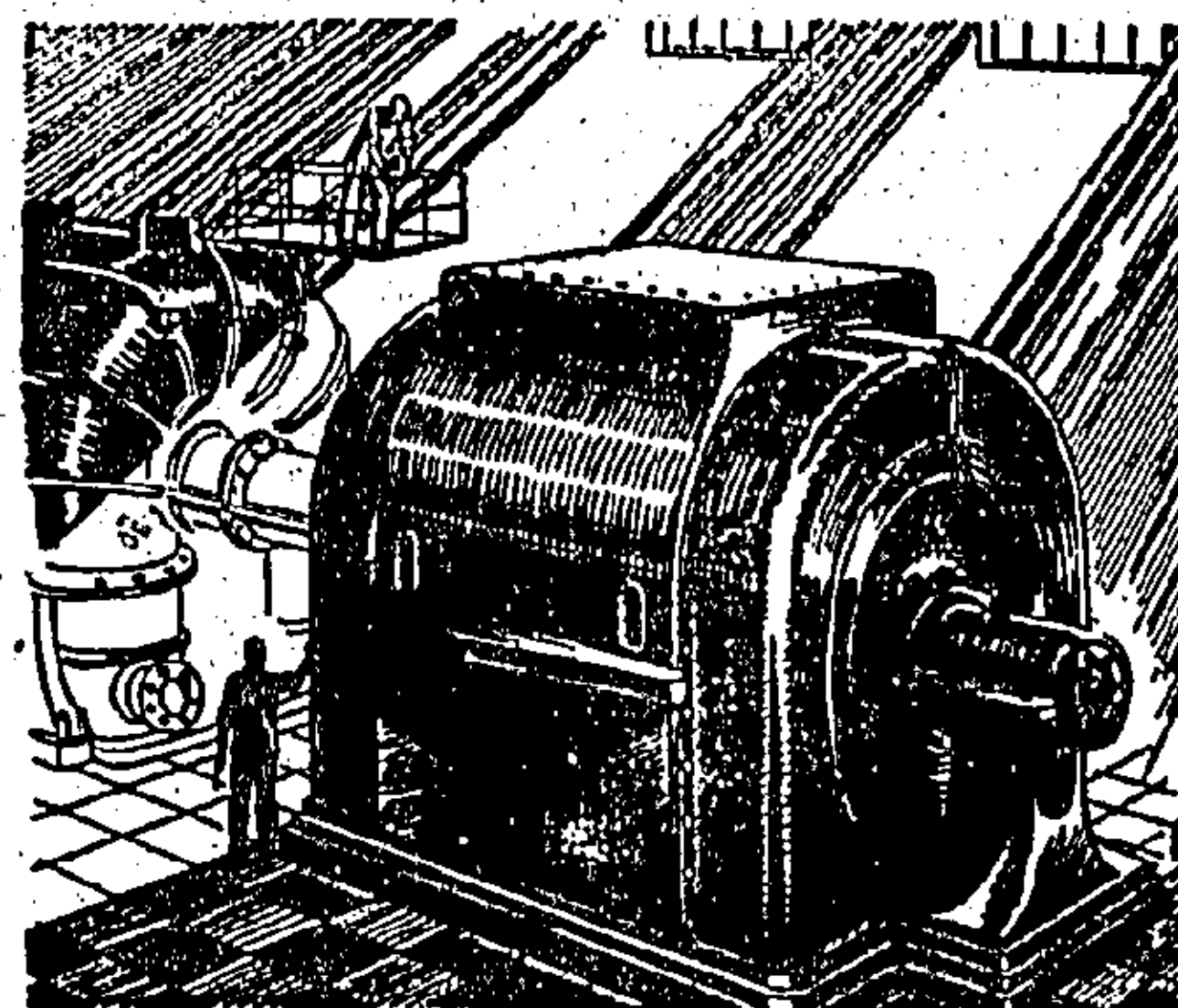
"He was captured by the Turks, you know. Did I tell you? Was it the Turks or the Arabs? Some of those dark people, anyway, over there."

She made a vague gesture in the direction of the North Pole.

"Georgie was two and a half years in one of their foul prisons. Ah! how vile it is that a man should be sent to prison for merely serving his country! Oh, and the conditions of it, the misery, the torture, the anguish! No, I think for part of the time it was a Russian prison. I can't remember all that. I was so distracted. He lost an eye, a leg, and memory to a large extent. He had fever, I know. He hardly told us anything. And when in the end he came back, everything about him seemed to be lost. All his youth, and spirits. He hardly seemed to remember of care for me. Before he went out he was engaged to Millicent Brander, our vicar's daughter, as nice a girl as you could wish to meet. He would have nothing to do with her. And she was quite willing to marry him in spite of his missing eye, and leg, and memory. In delirious moments he swore he loved some other woman he had met on the Continent.

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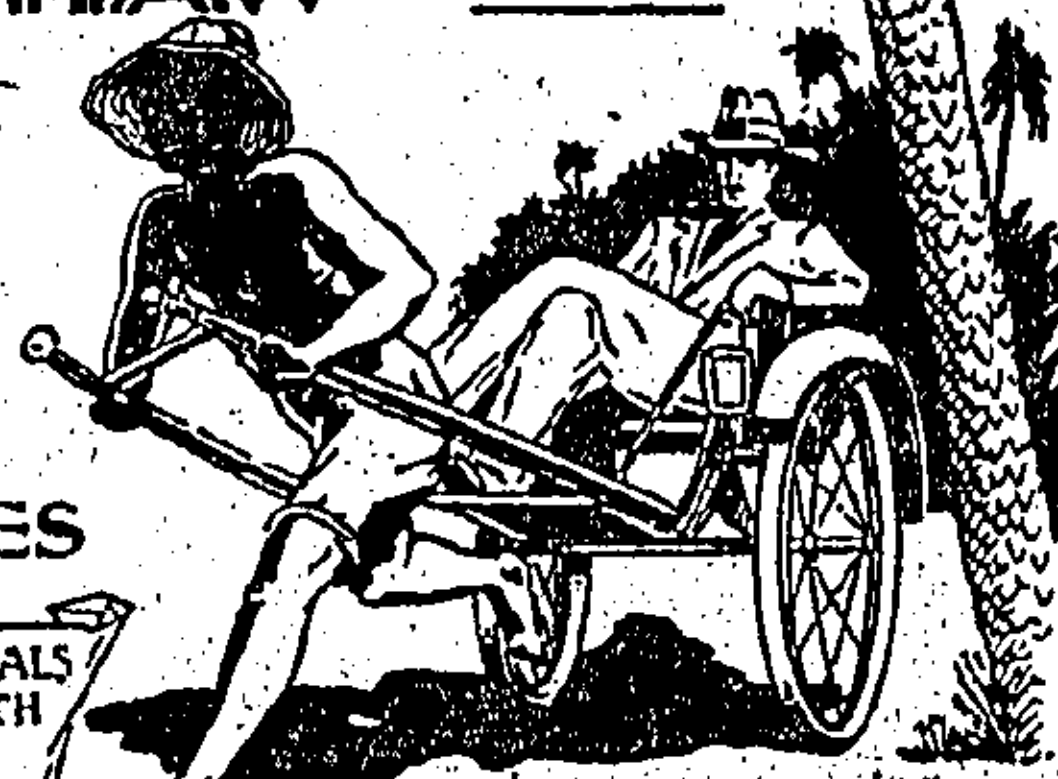
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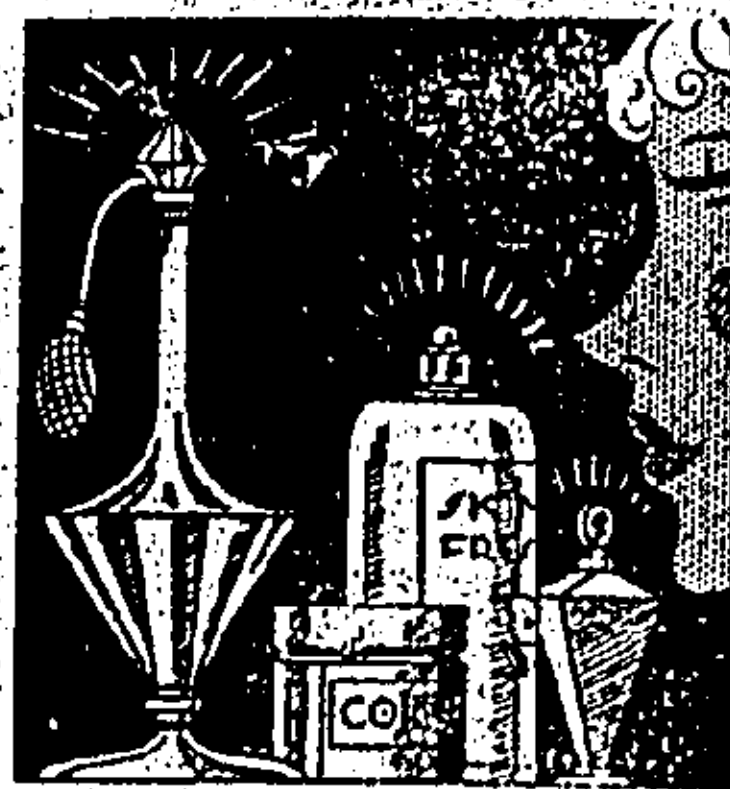
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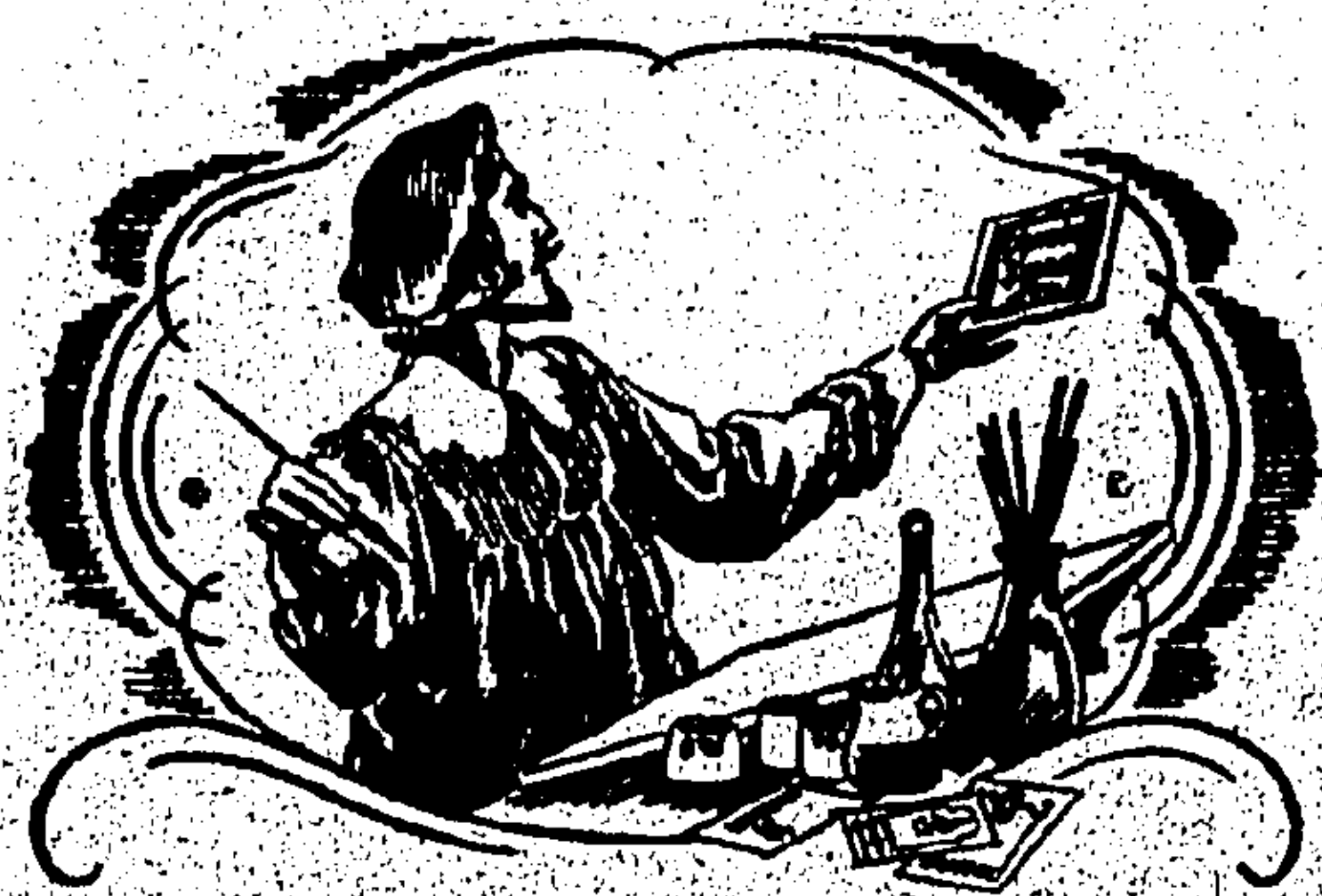
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CALCUTTA via Singapore, Belawan, Deli & Rangoon.	Burma Maru	Mon., 2nd Jan.
JAPAN PORTS.	Himalaya Maru	Sat., 24th Dec.
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TWO OF THOSE WOMEN

(Continued from Page 11.)

I'm not sure it wasn't other women—vague names he mumbled. Absurd, of course, it all was. The doctors tried to persuade me that he would get right. He was chock-full of illusions and panics. But eight years have passed, and he is little better. He takes little interest in anything except carpentry, and flowers, and keeping bees.

"Where does he live?"

"At present he is in Switzerland. Someone persuaded me, I've forgotten who. He's staying with one of these new German doctors they make so much fuss about these days. You know, what do they call it? men who treat the mind. I don't believe in it, but he might as well be there as anywhere. Oh, yes, I believe it was my brother, who persuaded me, and he is a doctor himself. A qualified medical man, but he dabbles in this other business. But why should I distrust you, my dear, with all this? I'm an old fool, I know. Tell me more about your—Stephen, wasn't it? What is he like?"

The younger woman heaved a deep sigh. I could see that she considered the story unsatisfactory and inconclusive. Then as though relieved to turn to a more congenial subject, she said:

"Peter? Oh, Peter." A long pause. "He had deep blue eyes, very wide apart, a square chin, clean-shaven. He was tall and strong, and there was a kind of kind of elasticity about him. Elastic in mind and body. Beneath the gay exterior you were conscious of something profound and strong."

The elder woman's interest appeared vaguely aroused.

"But," she said, "didn't you—didn't you inquire at the War Office? The Records Office, wasn't it?—they knew pretty well."

"That was the absurd part about it. I—we— a girlish blush came to the younger woman's face."

"You see, well, when we first met it was just flirtation. I christened him Peter. He made up a name for me. Life was so unreal in those days. Death seemed to be the only reality. What did it matter, what we were called, who we were, or, for that matter, what we did? Oh, yes—we did flirt. We had lovely times together. It was not till that last meeting when we both realised that the thing had gone far—become very serious. Just before he was leaving when it dawned upon us that neither knew the other's real name, and we had of course promised to correspond! There were other officers at the station, and he took out a card, scribbled his address on it, and thrust it into my hand. I didn't look at it, but slipped it into my purse. When I got back to the hospital the purse had disappeared! He had gone and I did not even know his name! So absorbed had we been with all the foolish little things that people like us talk about you've no idea how in those days we conspired together, men and women, to ignore the war—I did not even know his regiment. I only know that he was in the heavy artillery."

"Heavy artillery," repeated the elder woman, dully.

"Three days later I developed my fever. Oh, I'm not sure—I was so worried—I think the fever started before—I nearly went out of my mind."

"You are sure, it was the heavy artillery?" said the elder woman.

The younger one dabbed her nose and nodded. Both seemed to have fallen apart once more. The elder appeared to be ruminating. As though to herself she muttered, "These German doctors say that there is only one thing that could cure my George—but suppose—"

then, and regarded the other with a look of intense interest.

She took off her spectacles, wiped them, and regarded the other with the impaired vision of her naked sight, as though by this means she could observe something, unobserved herself.

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The younger woman appeared to hesitate. This was sacred ground. This old woman had no right to trespass. And yet, after all, she had already said so much. Greedy for sympathy and understanding, she said, in a quiet, clear voice: "Little Wind-flower."

The elder woman stood up and faced the window. She was still not wearing her glasses. The girl could not see her face, but I could. And I have never seen a stranger expression on the face of any living creature. Here eyes were wide open, and probably seeing nothing, but to me they seemed to absorb all the phenomena of existence at a glance. They were alight with amazement, doubt, and questioning. She was trembling violently, her lips were shaking, and I quite expected her to swoon. I felt most terribly embarrassed, as though I had stepped into a forbidden sanctuary. I did not know how to act. Neither of the women had taken the slightest notice of me. They had probably been aware of me at first, when the conversation opened so conventionally, but had forgotten me when they began to exchange their profound confidences.

But the elder woman did not swoon. After considerable effort she repeated in a perfectly-controlled voice:

"Little Wind-flower!"

She turned and glanced overtly at the younger, but whether she could see or not I could not say. Then she sat down, put on and carefully adjusted her spectacles. With a motherly gesture she put her hand on the other's, and said casually:

"What are your plans, my dear?"

The younger woman shrugged her shoulders, in the manner of one to whom plans have no longer interest or significance.

"Listen, then," said the elder. "Will you do me a favour? I am leaving on Thursday for Lausanne to see my son. Will you come as my companion?"

The younger woman hesitated, and the elder seemed to press her hands harder, and she spoke earnestly, and vehemently:

"Please do, my dear, I had a companion, and she had to leave because of illness in her family. I don't know what your position is, but I would gladly pay you. I am not badly off. My uncle, the brigadier, left me money last year. Please come! Oh, do please come!"

"You are extremely kind," said the younger woman. "I must think. I have no plans, but this is—"

Oh, please forgive me if I go away and think. It is most generous of you. I have just enough to pig-

along at these little hotels. But still—please forgive me."

She gave both her companion's hands a tight squeeze and hurried out of the lounge. The old lady removed her spectacles once more. She wiped them with her handkerchief, and again dabbed her eyes.

She was entirely oblivious of my presence. Her whole character seemed to have changed. She was still shaking, but it was with a kind of elation. For several minutes she sat there, mumbling to herself. Twice I heard her mutter: "Little Wind-flower! Peter, she called him, did she?"

Unaccountable tears clouded her old eyes. Pressing her hand to her temple she whispered hoarsely: "Oh, if it should be—"

She rose very slowly, and appeared to grope her way out of the room.

I sat there for a long time until it began to get dark.

A waiter came in. "Shall I turn on the light, monsieur?"

"No, please," I said; "leave it all just as it is."

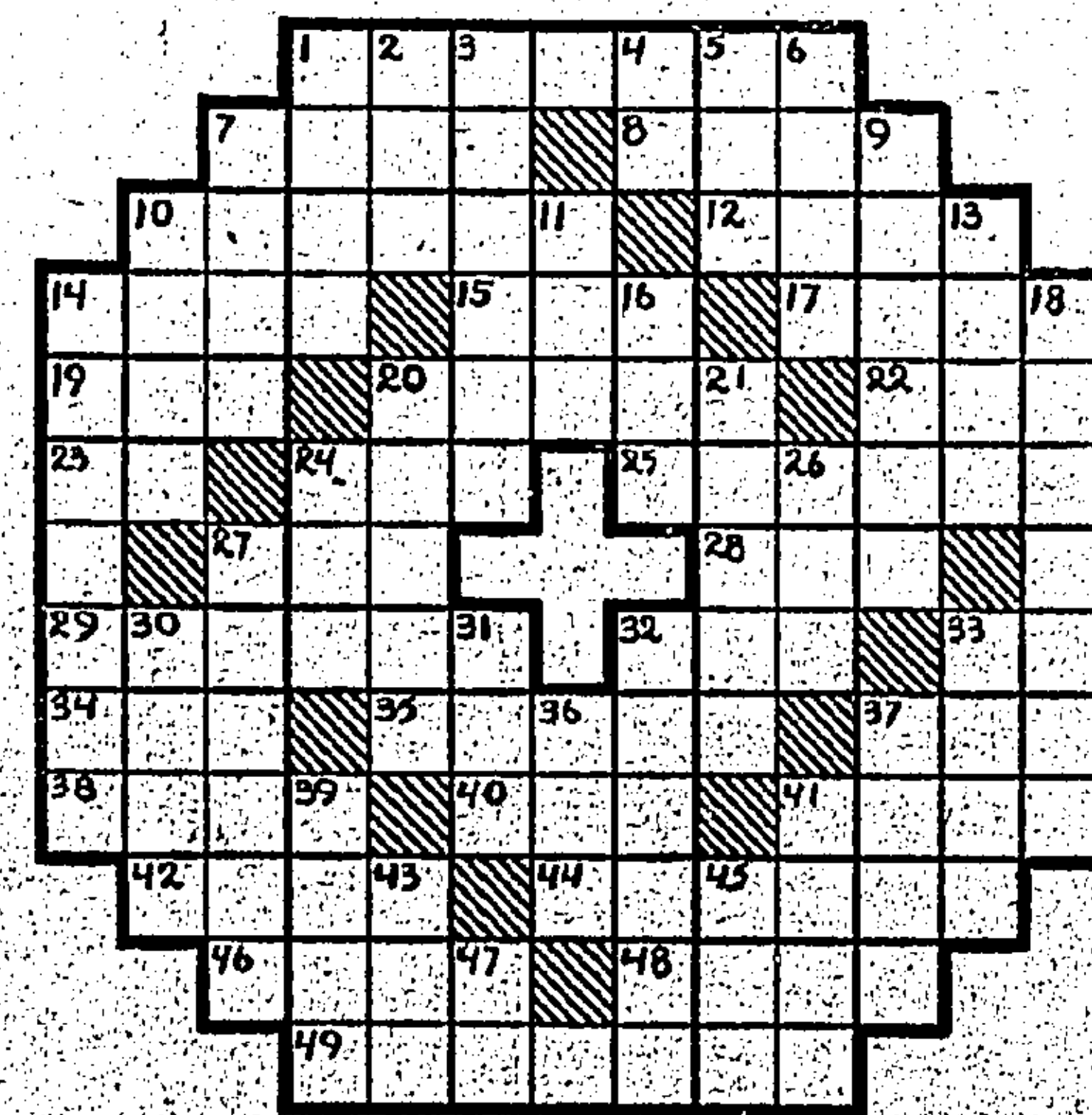
And I continued to stare at my empty writing-pad.

Two of those women! God forgive me!

THE END.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Dissenter
- 7-Articles of the same class
- 9-Little
- 10-Checked
- 12-Part of the leg
- 14-A noble
- 15-Put on
- 17-Snare
- 19-Youth
- 20-Part of a flower
- 22-Anger
- 23-Printer's measure
- 24-Inspire
- 25-Father
- 27-Vehicle
- 28-It is (Contr.)
- 29-Perfumes
- 30-Musical note
- 31-Organ of hearing
- 35-Fear from danger
- 37-River in Poland

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 38-Regulated course of food
- 40-June-bug
- 41-Chinese dynasty
- 42-Fasten
- 44-Country ruled by an emperor
- 46-Guided
- 48-Atoms bearing an electric charge
- 49-Amused

VERTICAL

- 1-Filament
- 2-Eagle
- 3-Decorated with seeds
- 4-Towards
- 5-Writing fluid
- 6-A coin
- 7-Worthless plant
- 8-A connected

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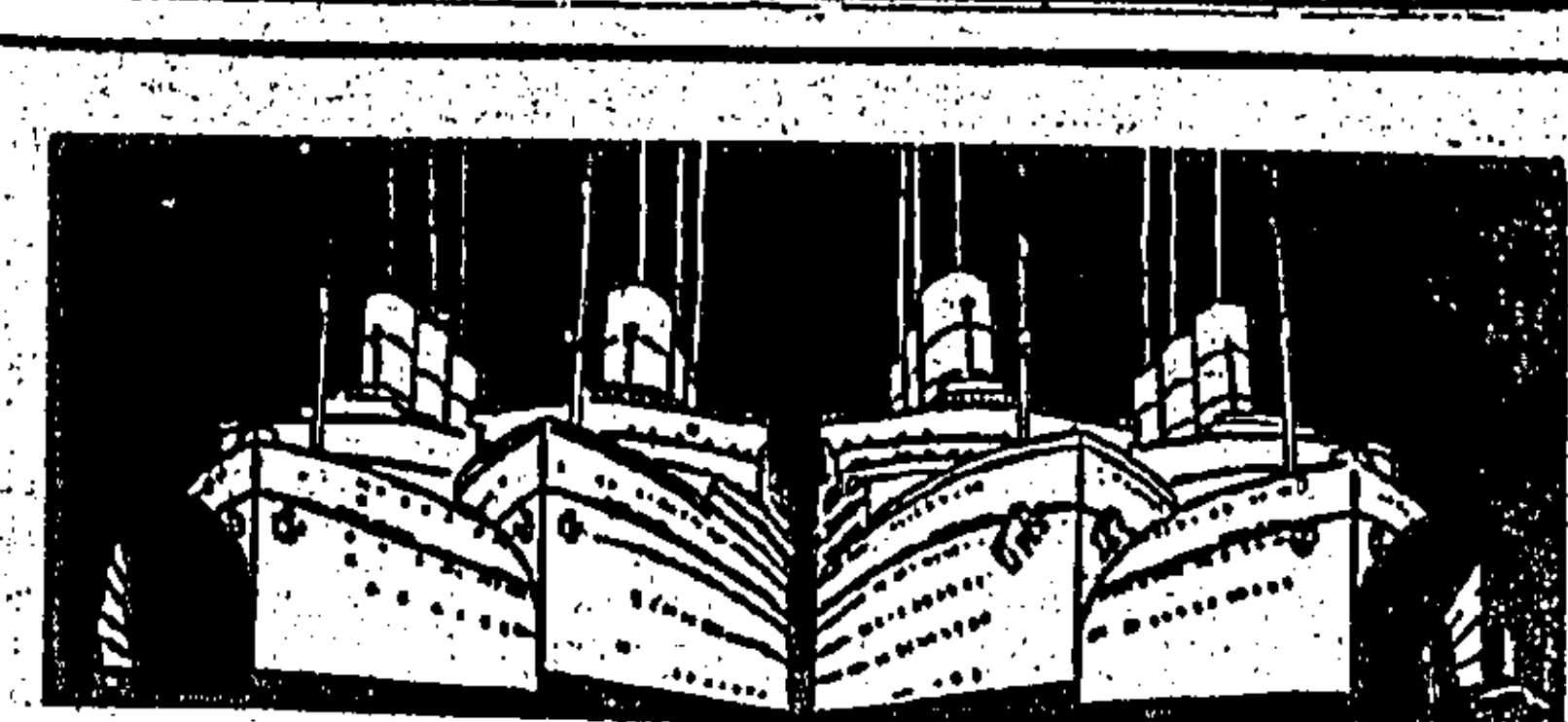
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Registrations Dec. 23, 4.30 p.m.
Letters Dec. 24, 9 a.m.
Manila Katori Maru (Due Marseilles, 22, January 1933).
Saigon G.P.O.
Registrations Dec. 24, 8.45 a.m.
Letters 9.30 a.m.
Pres. Monroe 5 p.m.
Pong Tong 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24.

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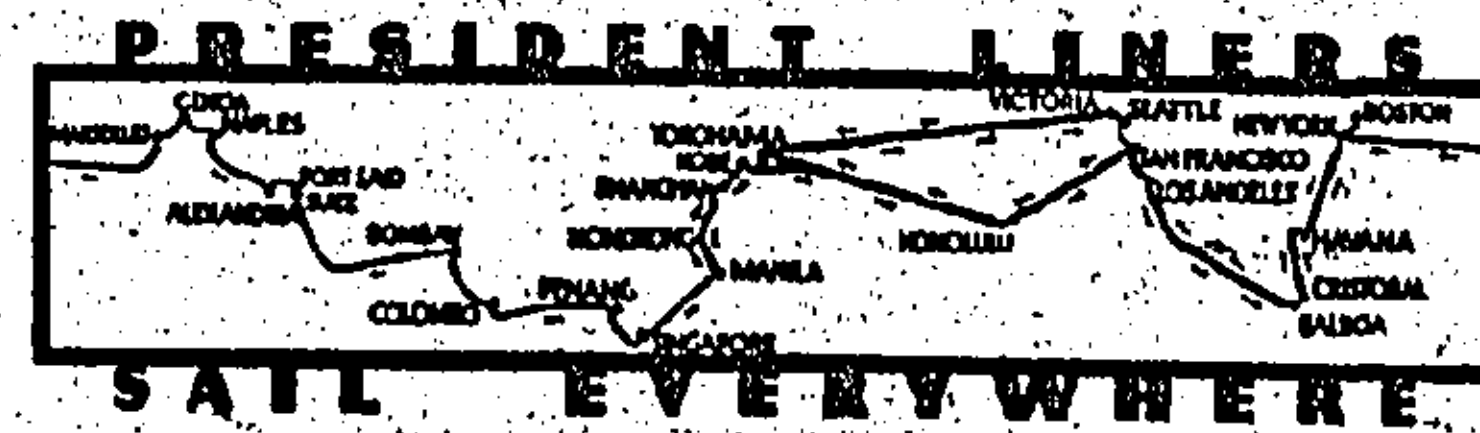
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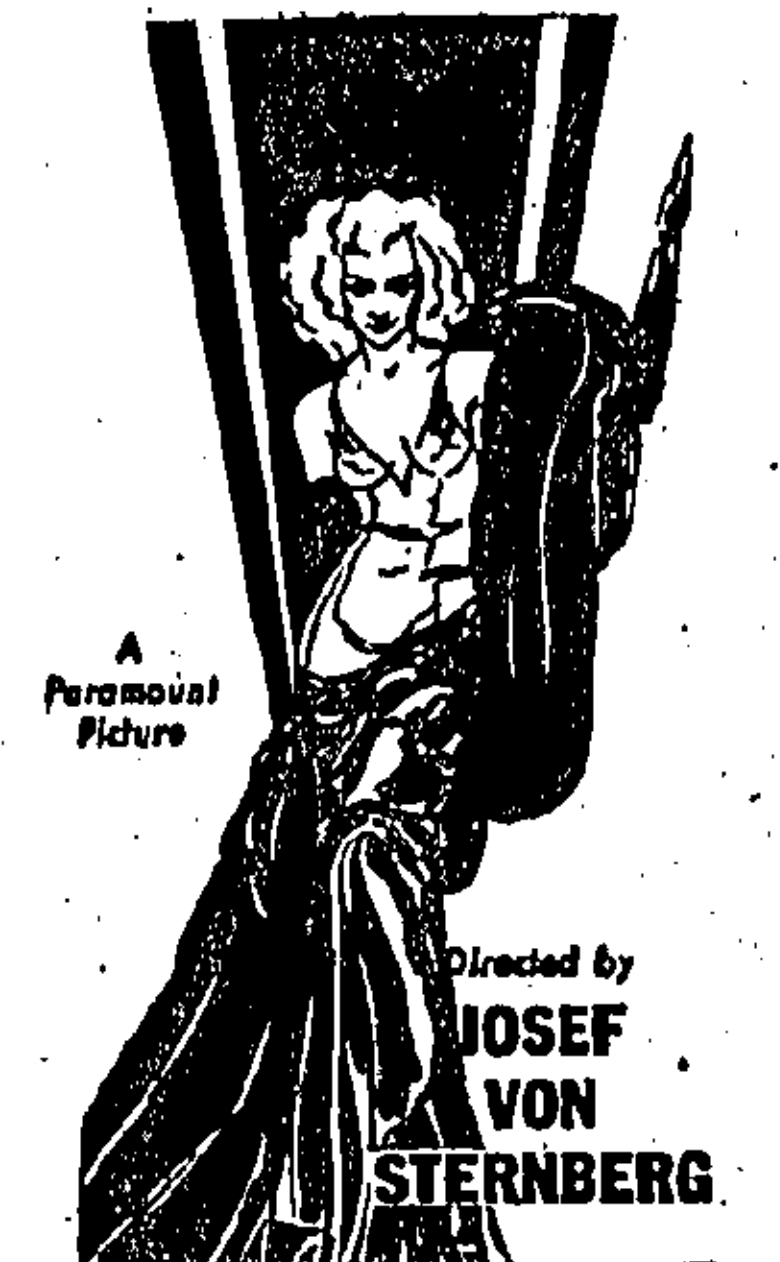
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JAPANESE DUMPING

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to the fact that the cement factories in Japan were built where the materials necessary for manufacture were close at hand thus eliminating the cost of transporting raw materials. The factor of cheap labour was important also.

He said that the variation in the price in Hong Kong was caused by supply and demand.

Plan Higher Rate

The Cement Association in Japan, he said, had already realised that the export price of the commodity was unnecessarily low, and a conference was at present in progress to set a higher rate. This would probably mean an addition of about 20 cents to the existing export price, which operated in Hong Kong, Singapore, Java and India.

"It is only with this low price that we can sell cement in Hong Kong," he continued. "Most people buy the Green Island cement, and are loath to change their custom."

The speaker said that the factories throughout Japan were controlled by the Cement Manufacturers' Association, and a regulation was now in force limiting the output of each plant to 60 per cent of its full capacity. Until about 18 months ago all the factories had been producing their full quota, but the present restriction was enforced to keep the price from dropping.

Official Opinion.

When interviewed by the "China Mail" yesterday regarding the dumping of Japanese products, the Japanese Consul-General said that he could give no explanation of the matter since he had no information. Regarding the remarkable rise in the imports into Hong Kong of Japanese cement, he said that this was probably due to a sudden opening in the market.

The Japanese cement industry, he said, had been producing the usual quota of cement during the past months in spite of the anti-Japanese boycott, and consequently there would naturally be considerable stocks on hand. If there was an opening in the market, the natural impulse on the part of the Japanese manufacturers would be to release the stocks on hand. The natural competition among the merchants themselves would have the effect of bringing the price to its present level.

That, he said, was the only explanation he could offer on the subject, and added that he was not aware the cement was selling for a higher price in Japan than it was in Hong Kong.

Interesting sidelights on the imports of Japanese coal into the Colony were revealed during the "China Mail's" investigations, and figures show

BONCOUR'S MAJORITY SECURED

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All citizens must be ready for sacrifices, the country has been warned. Public services will be reorganised by weeding out and simplification. In the meantime, the Government asks for an immediate vote of funds on account, and another in January.

Later.
The Government, on a test of strength in the Chamber of Deputies, won by 365 to 215 votes. — Reuter.

That Japanese coal imports have increased considerably during the past two months.

Alarming Increase.
A prominent local coal merchant, speaking on the matter, said that "an alarming increase" was first noticed in October, and the figures were a matter of great concern to local dealers. The anticipated effect on the local market, however, did not materialise, and at the present moment the local Japanese merchants are left with an immense tonnage of coal on their hands.

The coal, he said, was sold at very low prices, so low that little or no margin of profit could result, but in spite of the first fears of the local merchants, the demand for Japanese coal had not increased to the detriment of competitive products.

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